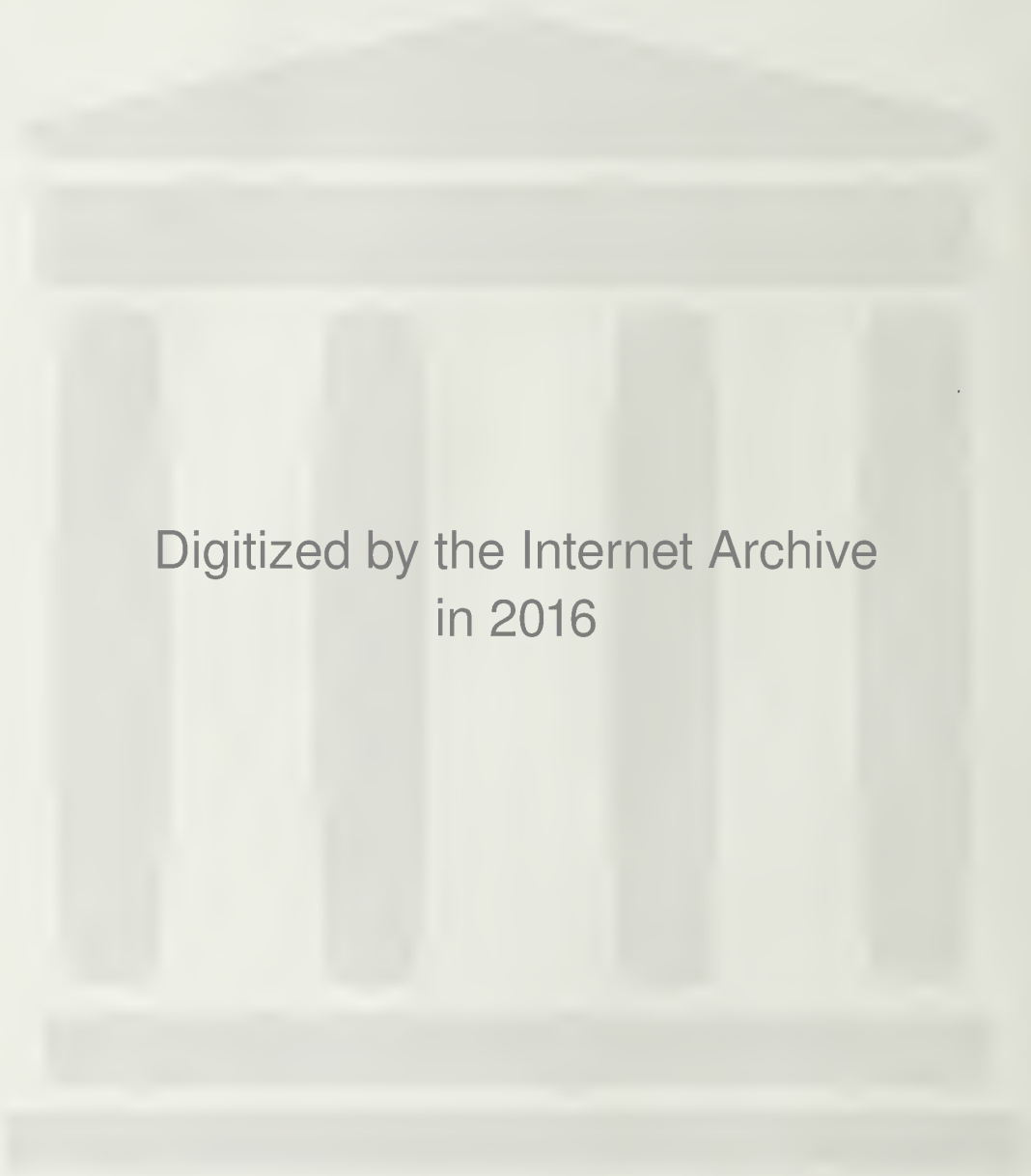

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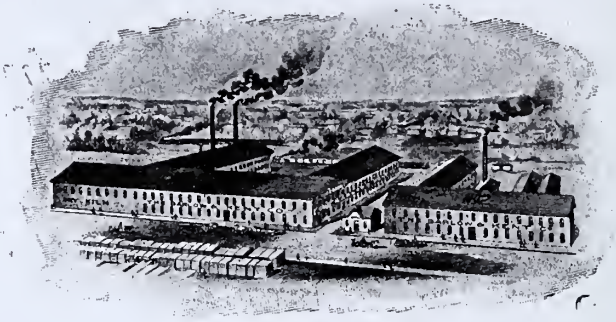
Photo by Conklin THE FAMOUS WILLOW DRIVE IN URBANA

Manufacturing Wardrobes in Urbana

The Barlow & Kent Co. represents one of the largest and most important of the manufacturing industries in Urbana.

This concern has a plant that covers several acres of ground and employs a number of skilled mechanics and machine men. It manufactures a line of medium-priced wardrobes and cupboards, that are in demand in all sections of the country. The factory is running constantly and the business has been steadily increased.

The officers of the company are: E. W. Barlow, President; Silas Kent, Vice President and L. C. Barlow, Secretary and Treasurer.



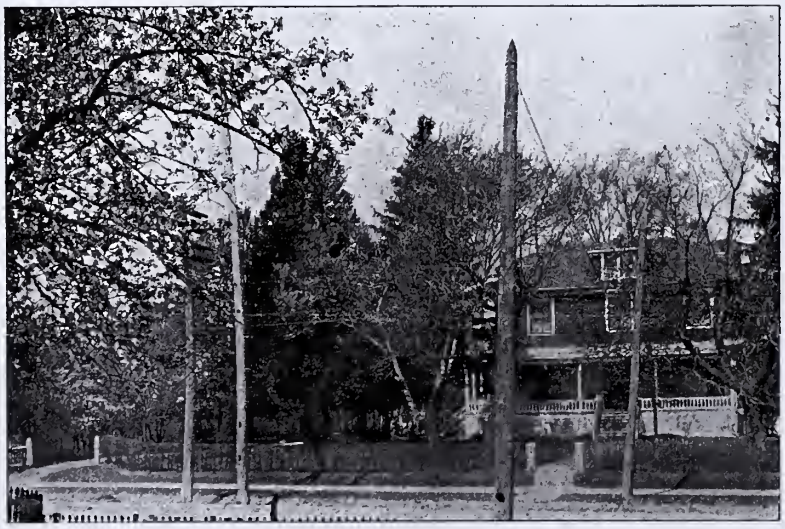
THE BARLOW & KENT PLANT

High Class Tailoring

Making Clothes to fit the man is the work of an artist and Urbana is fortunate in having an artist of class in the tailoring line. Mr. W. S. Given has been in the Urbana 34 years and has always been the leading tailor in this city.

He was taught the business by his father, who came from Philadelphia and opened up in Urbana in 1840. He, in turn, taught it to his son, R. E. Given, who is in business in Delaware, O. It evidently runs in the family and they are all good at it.

Mr. Given has been located in his present store on the corner of Main and Court streets for nearly twenty years. He has always been public spirited and taken a great interest in everything that tended toward the improvement or advancement of Urbana. He has a handsome home on Scioto street, in the fashionable section, a view of which is given



RESIDENCE OF MR. HOMER CRUMRINE ON SOUTH MAIN STREET

This fine home comprises 12 acres and has seven acres of fruit, the balance bearing garden truck. The house has 11 rooms, with two bath rooms and all modern conveniences. Mr. Crumrine moved to Urbana from Washington, Pa., last December and is very much pleased with his new home.

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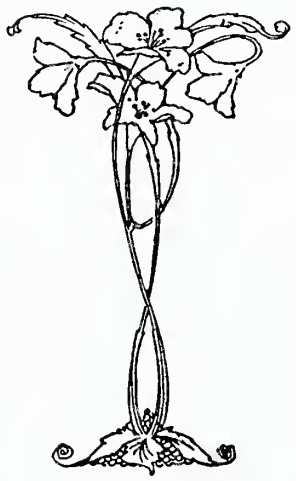

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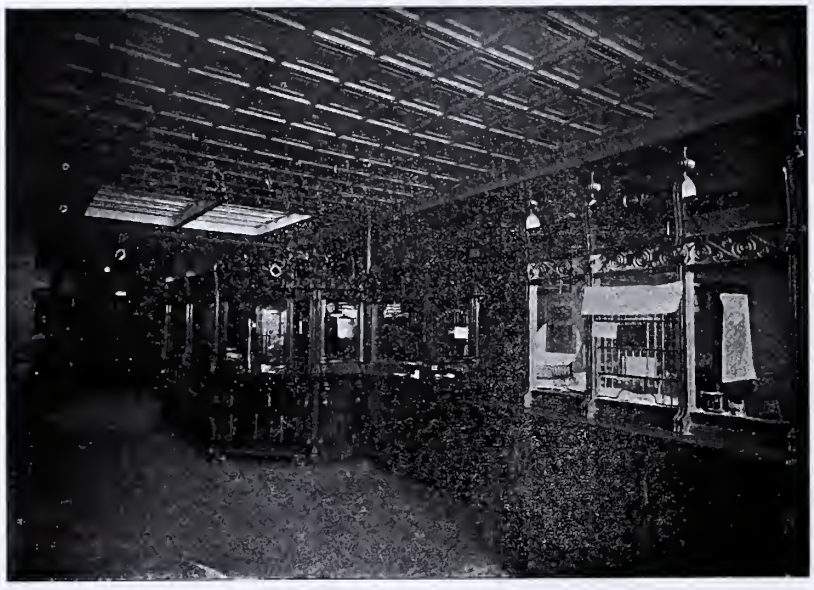
The National Bank of Urbana

Some of the strongest banks in the country have grown out of the failures that were caused by mismanagement or by hampering influences.

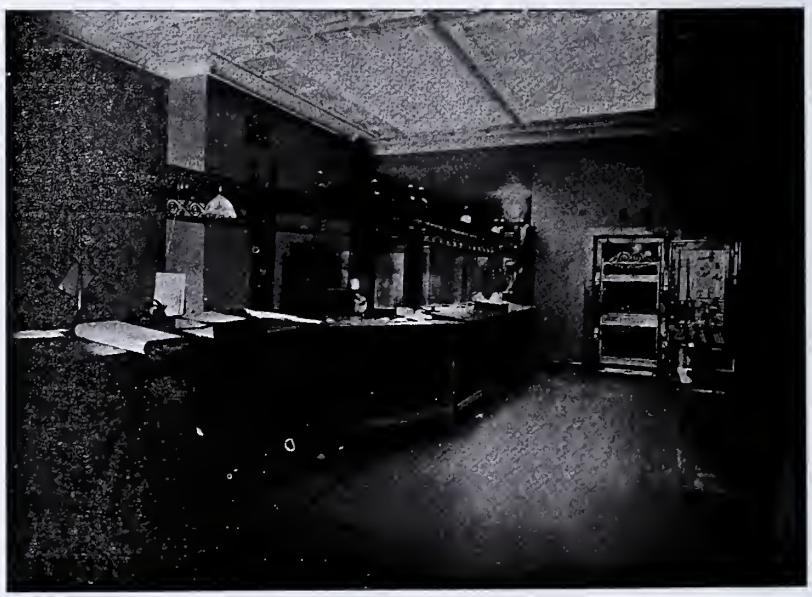
The National Bank of Urbana was organized in 1892 and succeeded the Third National Bank, which was dissolved, its charter having expired. The old bank closed one Saturday night and on Monday morning The National Bank of Urbana opened for business with a capital stock of $100,000 and it was successful from the start.



Interior View of Banking Room

Gen. John H. Young was the first president of the Third National Bank. Mr. Frank Chance was the second president and he was the first president of The National Bank of Urbana. He was succeeded by Col. W. R. Warnock, who served in that capacity until last year. Mr. A. F. Vance, Jr., who has been with this bank and its predecessor continuously for over 36 years and who served in every capacity from bookkeeper to Vice President, was elected President last January. Under his able management the bank has grown steadily, increasing its surplus dollars and its undivided profits from twenty to fifty thousand from almost nothing to $25,000.

The National Bank of Urbana owns its building, which is located in the very heart of the business district, on Main street. It is a three story structure, the second and third floors being occupied by offices. The bank has been entirely remodeled this year and much additional space taken on in the rear. New burglar proof vaults with safety deposit boxes were installed, with a protecting door weighing three tons and opened by the very latest time lock. A customers room with private booths for examining papers, consultation, etc., has been fitted up in the new section and in the extreme rear a fine, large directors room is now being furnished.



View Showing Entrance to Safety Deposit Vaults

The officers of the bank are: A. F. Vance, Jr., President; W. B. Marvin, Vice President; W. E. Berry, Cashier; Harry D. Baker, Teller; W. C. Edmondson, Teller. The directors are: A. F. Vance, Jr., W. B. Marvin, T. T. Brand, J. J. Mumper, Robert Henderson, M. B. Saxby, Thos. B. Owen, C. E. Russell, Frank Ganson, Jr.

Mr. W. E. Berry, the cashier, has been with the bank for over 29 years and has gradually advanced from bookkeeper, teller and assistant cashier to cashier.

The deposits of The National Bank of Urbana average $300,000 and frequently exceed that amount by many thousand dollars. A semi-annual dividend of four per cent. is paid to stockholders on the first of March and the first of September and the undivided profits are constantly increasing.

The careful management of the officers and directors has brought this bank into high standing in the community, and with its increased facilities and conveniences, it will continue to grow and flourish.

Urbana—A City of Opportunities

Urbana is one of the oldest and best known cities in Ohio. It was settled early in the nineteenth century and the town was incorporated in 1805.

While its growth has been very gradual, it has been continuous and substantial and Urbana is now recognized as a city of considerable wealth and refinement.

For many years it was simply a country town, catering to and supplying the fine farming community which surrounded it. All during the last century it continued to grow and expand. Business buildings and public buildings were erected and beautiful residence streets were gradually developed and improved with handsome homes.

With the coming of the new century a spirit of activity was developed and this resulted in establishing a number of manufacturing institutions in the city, until now Urbana is known as a manufacturing city of some importance in a state that has many fine factories.

The population of Urbana, at the present time, is about 8,000 and it is expected that the 10,000 mark will be reached before the next state census is taken in 1915.

The new glass factory, which will begin operations before the end of the year, will add several hundred to the population and other factories are being negotiated for and will be located shortly.

A strong movement has just developed for a complete, modern sewerage system. Land for a sewage disposal plant has been purchased and before another summer the entire system will be completed.

Brick pavement is now a settled fact for the square and the business section and work will begin in this direction early in the summer.

GOOD CIGARS MADE IN URBANA.

The cigar manufacturing industry is not so extensive in Urbana, but there are two brands of cigars made here which are extremely popular with the smoking public.

The "Ben Franklin" ten cent cigar is one of the best of its class on the market and its sales are steadily increasing.

"Smoke," the popular five cent cigar, has been a winner from the start and its popularity pushes the factory to its limit frequently.

Mr. John J. Downey, proprietor of Factory No. 314, Tenth district, is thoroughly progressive and believes that merit will build a business quicker than anything else. The merit in Ben Franklin and Smoke seem to prove his policy.

Mr. Downey's factory is located in the building at the south west corner of Monument square

Monument Square—A Busy Day In Urbana

The Story of A Remarkable Bank

It is nearly half a century since the first National bank was organized in Urbana and the story of its growth and development, until it ranks seventh in the state in point of surplus and undivided profits in ratio to its capital, is a remarkable one.

In February, 1864, while the civil war was still raging, the Citizens National Bank was organized and began business, being the first national bank in Urbana. It was capitalized at $100,000 then and the capitalization has never been increased but the surplus and undivided profits are something to be proud of and give the bank a standing that places it well up among the strongest financial institutions in Ohio.

The first stockholders were all local people and the five directors were: Abner Whitely, Jas. B. Armstrong, Daniel Blose, Edward Jennings and William Wiley. Those are names that stood for years for solidity and conservative banking methods and they are remembered by the older residents of the county with pleasure.

The present directors are: Simeon Taylor, D. S. Perry, W. W. Wilson, H. C. Houston, C. H. Ganson, Cyrus Miller, S. L. P. Stone, A. T. Corbett and John P. Neer. At the present time those are names that represent power in the financial world of Champaign county and give to the bank the confidence of the public.

The efficient officers of the bank are: Simeon Taylor, President; D. S. Perry, Vice President; W. W. Wilson, Cashier; I. O. Tritt, Assistant Cashier. Mr. Wilson has been cashier since 1878, thirty-three years, and during all that time he has been the manager of the bank and his careful methods and shrewd foresight have had much to do with the remarkable success achieved.

The dividends paid since the organization of the Citizens National Bank, amount to $484,000. Think of nearly half a million dollars profit made by a bank in a city of less than 10,000 population. It means that this section is one of the best in the country to make such a showing possible. And, besides that , the surplus is $100,000 and the undivided profits are $85,000—quite a tidy sum to have an interest in.

The Citizens National Bank

The deposits have frequently exceeded half a million dollars and the other day, when the government called for a statement, at a time when a great deal is being drawn out for fall supplies, the deposits were $423,000—not bad for a country bank.

The first of September a statement was made by the State Banking Commission, of the condition of all National banks in Ohio. The Citizens National Bank was placed No. 7 in the column, this excellent standing being based on the surplus and undivided profits in ratio to the capital stock. Placed in competition with the great banking institutions of Cleveland, Cincinnati, Toledo, Columbus, Dayton and the other big cities of the state, this is certainly a fine showing and one that the stockholders of this bank may well be proud of.

The Citizens National Bank, which occupies the most prominent corner in the city, on Main street and Monument Square, has always been known as a careful and conservative bank, never promoting anything, with the funds of the bank and always making good loans and giving the best service to its customers. It has proven faithful to all and deserves its remarkable success.

The bank is the depository for the United States government.

Civic Government of Urbana

The city government of Urbana is well organized, with a council that is not unwieldy in point of numbers and a limited number of city officials.

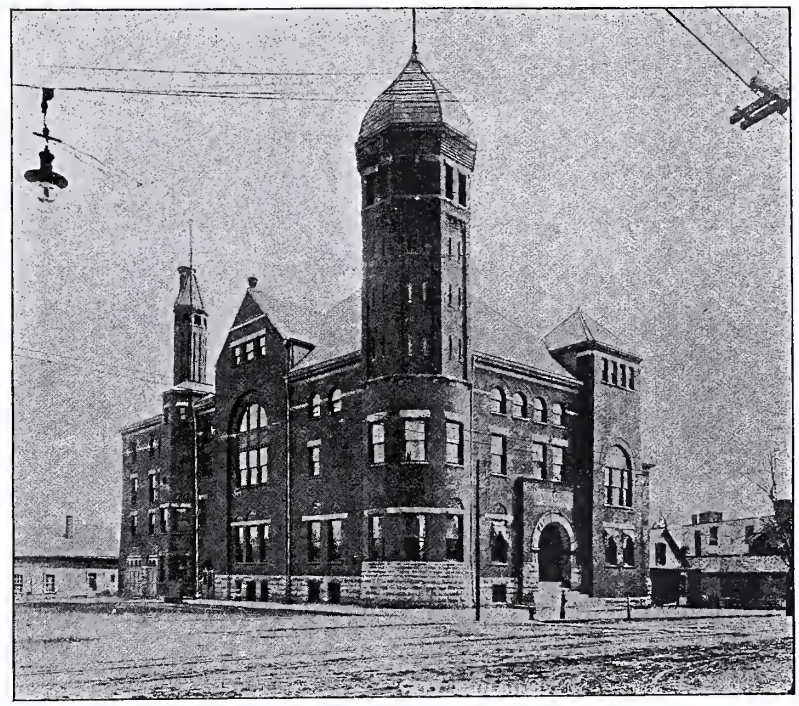
The Mayor, Mr. W. R. Wilson, is a prominent manufacturer and a shrewd business man. He is assisted by Mr. W. W. Rock, the furniture man, who is president of the council and acting Mayor in the absence of the chief executive.

The six members of the council are: G. L. Valentine, broom manufacturer; E. W. Holding, merchant; Frank McCracken, merchant; Charles James, merchant; William Shief, merchant; Samuel Landis, employee in carriage factory.

The fire department is a regularly organized, paid one and is well equipped with chemical engine, hook and ladder and hose wagons.

The police department has six members, who appear in uniform and good order is the rule, as is shown by the few arrests made.

The council is planning a modern sewerage system for the city and the paving of the principal streets with brick is under consideration.



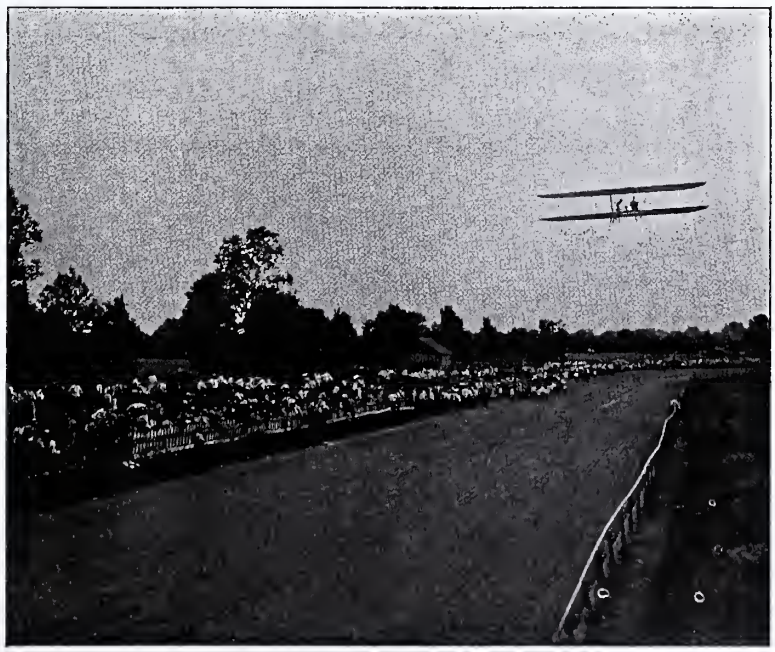
Urbana City Building

The Leading Fruit Store

For seventeen years Sam Bianchi has done the leading fruit business in Urbana. He located here in 1894, in the same building now occupied, on the south side of the square and his store is always a popular one with the people of this section.

His display of fruits is always attractive and the best of everything in the markets of the world is always at Sam's store.

He also carries complete lines of cigars, tobaccos and pipes and smokers' supplies of a varied character. Courteous attention to all customers and prompt business methods have made Mr. Bianchi's store a success and his customers are numbered by the thousands.



Aeroplane Flight During Urbana Chaptauqua

RETURNS TO GROCERY BUSINESS.

Mr. Orla Colbert, who conducted a grocery on West Miami street for some time and sold out to go to Texas, returned to Urbana early in the summer and three months ago opened a modern grocery at 224 East Market street.

A feature of Mr. Colbert's grocery business is a wagon, which he sends through the country, to gather fresh produce, butter and eggs every day, so that his customers are guaranteed the best and freshest of everything.

Mr. Colbert has just installed a new cash register which prints the ticket for each purchase, entitling the holder to certain premiums for a certain value in tickets. Everything in the store is clean and up to date and with special features to offer his customers, the business is being steadily increased.

Big Real Estate and Insurance Business

Urbana has one man who has fought assiduously and continuously for its advancement and while building up his own business he has never neglected to boost every public spirited movement that has come up.

Mr. T. E. Dye came to Urbana nearly twenty years ago. He was a young man then and does not hesitate to say that he borrowed the money from his brother to start in business in this city. He soon paid the money back and with the start thus obtained he has made a substantial success.

Mr. Dye has been in the insurance work for some time and when he came here he secured the agency for Champaign county for the Ohio Farmers Insurance Company, which writes more insurance in the state than any two other insurance companies. Through the efforts of Mr. Dye this splendid company has placed loans in this county on farm mortgages amounting to $200,000.

Mr. Dye is one of the most successful agents of this company and is secretary and treasurer of the Ohio Farmers Agents and Officers Association, the members of which are the agents and officers of the company in Ohio.

Twelve other leading fire insurance companies of the world are represented here by Mr. Dye's agency, which is the largest in the county, with a constantly increasing business.

Eight years ago Mr. Dye added real estate to his rapidly growing business and in this he was equally successful. Since the time he started to handle real estate he has sold an average of $100,000 a year of farm property. During the past two years he has averaged $150,000 a year.

Two years ago the Urbana Improvement Co. was organized by Mr. Dye and he was elected secretary and treasurer. Ths company purchased the Mosgrove farm, which was in the corporation on North Main street, immediately adjoining one of the finest residence sections of the city. This property comprised 137 acres and was finely situated for residence development.

In September, 1909, forty acres were platted under the name of Homecrest and in October a sale of lots was conducted by Mr. Dye. In one day—and that the stormiest day of the season—51 lots were sold and later several more were taken. The Urbana Improvement Co. built twenty modern houses on the property, several of which have been sold and are now occupied.

The company had promised the purchasers that a factory would be located on a portion of the property, to assist in the development, and it has kept its word. A month ago The Eagle Glass Co. signed a contract to erect a $60,000 factory on the property and have it in operation within three months, employing not less than 200 people for five years. Work is now progressing on the factory and it will be opened as agreed. One hundred of the remaining lots were disposed of to citizens to secure this factory, the site and $20,000 being donated by the Urbana Improvement Co.

Another section of the tract will be platted and placed on the market next year and the development of the north end of the city will be continued by Mr. Dye and his associates.

A few months ago Mr. Dye became interested in the McCoy Canning Co. With some others he purchased the interest of the McCoy estate and was elected president of the company. Under his aggressive leadership this institution is flourishing and will be operated the major portion of the year. Mr. Dye is also a director in the Champaign National Bank and a director of the Automatic Telephone Co.

Twenty years of success and fair dealing have established Mr. Dye in the confidence of the people of this section and his progressive methods will assure his continued success.

View of Taft Avenue in Home Crest, Showing New Homes

Urbana's Superb School System

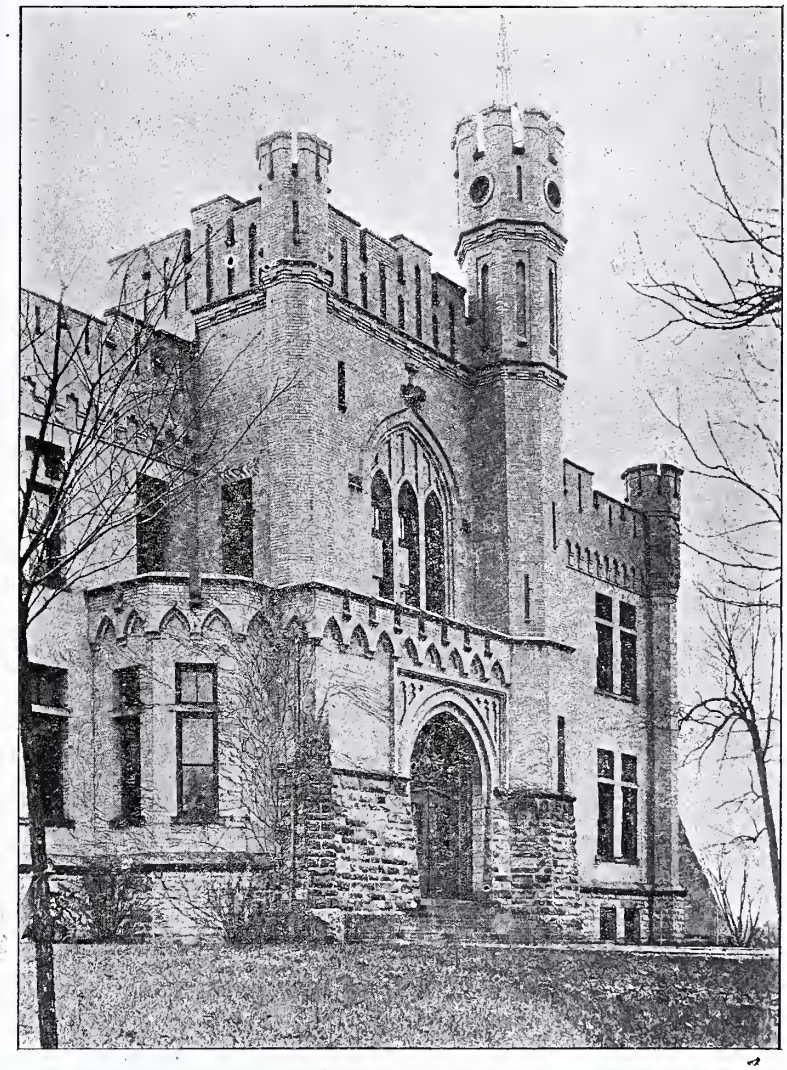
Champaign county has the reputation of having the finest school system of any county of similar population in Ohio and that means a great deal, as the Buckeye state stands in the front rank in the educational world.

The school buildings in Urbana and throughout the county are thoroughly modern in every respect. In most cases they are models of architecture and they are well equipped with every modern convenience and are especially arranged for the comfort and pleasure of the pupils and teachers.

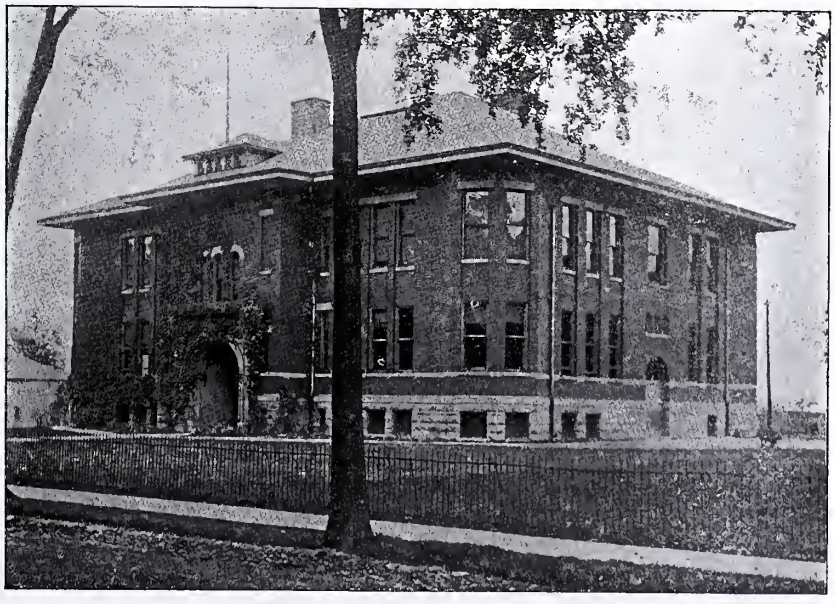
In the townships the centralized high school system is in vogue and it has proven a great success. The school buildings throughout the county, in the rural districts, would be a credit to any city.

The Teachers' Institute has been an annual feature for many years and has developed into one of the best in the state. At the recent meeting prominent lecturers from Detroit, Milwaukee and other cities were present and the large attendance of teachers were greatly benefitted by the lectures and the practical demonstrations given by these distinguished educators.

Mr. I. N. Keyser, superintendent of the Urbana Schools, has held this responsible position for ten years.



Urbana High School



The North Ward School Building

ANOTHER URBANA INDUSTRY.

The Urbana Carpet Cleaning and Rug Works has developed into an important industry since it was established here in 1906, five years ago.

The factory, which is located at 133 South Locust street, does an extensive business in carpet and rug cleaning. The character of its work has done much toward recommending it to the people throughout this section and the business is constantly increasing.

The manufacture of the Foreign Vassar Rug is an important feature of the business and this line is becoming very popular with the public.

Mr. F. L. Reynolds is the capable manager of this institution and under his direction it has built up a substantial patronage

Publishing A Modern Newspaper

The Urbana Daily Citizen is the only daily newspaper in Urbana and the leading newspaper of Champaign county.

It is the outgrowth of several papers that have been consolidated and absorbed and dates back to about 1830, the original being The Western Citizen and Gazette.

The Editorial Room

The Counting Room

The offices have been remodeled and refurnished in the most convenient and comfortable manner, the mechanical departments are thoroughly equipped with two of the latest Mergenthaler Linotype Machines, a Cox Duplex Perfecting Press, a complete job printing outfit and everything that goes with an up-to-date newspaper.

The various departments have been thoroughly organized and the news, editorial and social features are recognized as right up to the minute in every respect. The Urbana Daily Citizen is progressive and stands for the best interests of Urbana and Champaign county all the time.

Two years ago The Urbana News Co. purchased The Times-Citizen and the Morning Tribune and evolved The Urbana Daily Citizen, which is now being conducted as a metropolitan afternoon newspaper.

In June of this year Mr. Frank B. Wilson, one of the best known newspaper men in the state, purchased an interest in the business and became General Manager. With his well known business instincts he at once began to make improvements in the paper and as a result it is now recognized as one of the best dailies in the state in any city of less than 10,000 population.

The Composing Room

Thirty Years of Success

The Home Loan Co., of Urbana, was organized in 1883 and is one of the oldest Building and Loan Associations in this section.

Organized under the laws of Ohio, this concern has grown steadily with its increasing years and under the careful direction of Mr. W. F. Ring, who assisted in the organization of it nearly thirty years ago, and who has been the secretary and manager of the company during its entire existence, and also its attorney,.

The capital stock of the Home Loan Co. is one million dollars; 5000 shares of $200.00 each, payable in monthly installments of $1.25 per share each month or in sums to suit depositors at any time.

The assets of the company at the last annual report were $534,-219.40, over $500,000 of which was loaned and interest bearing. The business has doubled during the past six years and it is now the largest in Champaign county. Most of the shareholders are residents of this county and the continued success of the company has thoroughly established it in the confidence of the public.

That the shares are a good investment is easily seen, when the dividends to stockholders are five and a half per cent. on average payments. The plan of operation is very liberal. New members are admitted at every meeting. No payment of back dues are required. Borrowing and non-borrowing members share equally in the profits. Dividends are paid in cash to non-borrowing members if they so desire. Members can retire from the company at any time without loss. They can borrow money on real estate or pass books. Money is loaned at straight interest or on monthly payments, the rate being governed by the amount. Monthly payments are payable on or before the last Friday of each month.

Central District School Building

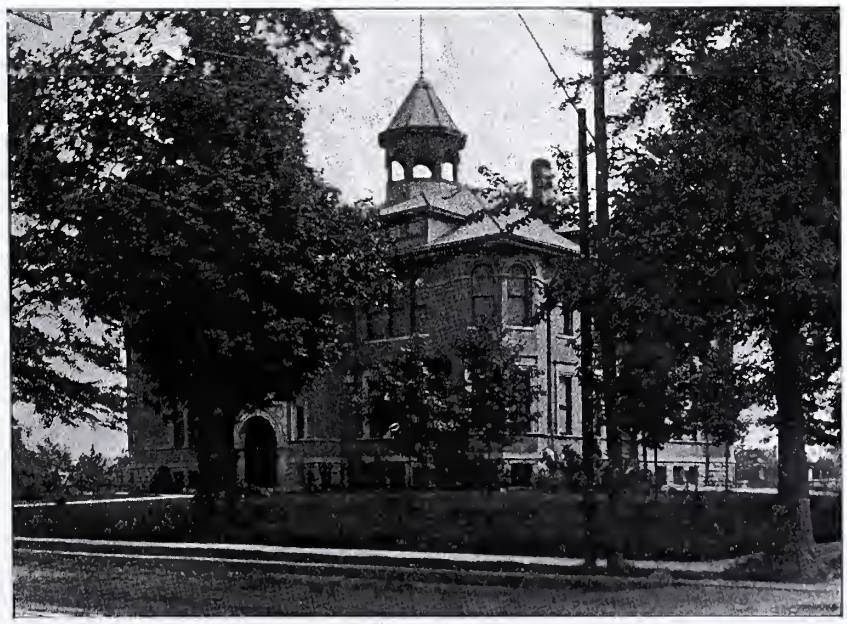
The officers and directors of The Home Loan Co. are all well known and prominent business men and most of them have been identified with this concern since its inception, very few changes having been made in the personnel of the governing officers in nearly thirty years.

The officers are: W. W. Wilson, president; J. K. Cheetham, vice president; D. B. McDonald, treasurer; W. F. Ring, secretary and attorney.

The directors are: W. W. Wilson, J. K. Cheetham, W. H. O'Connor, D. B. McDonald, A. E. McConkey, E. W. Holding and W. F. Ring.

The Home Loan Co. has enabled many persons in Urbana and Champaign county to own their own homes and has been a prominent factor in building up the city and county. It well deserves its remarkable success and the officers of the company are to be complimented on their careful and conscientious management.

To those who have uninvested funds and are looking for a safe and profitable investment, or to those who wish to borrow money either to build or assist them in buying a home, The Home Loan Co. offers unusual inducements,



South Ward School Building

Urbana's Modern Chocolate Shop

Urbana has a number of handsome stores but probably the handsomest and most modern in every respect is "The Chocolate Shop," which is located at the southwest corner of Monument Square, in the Douglas Inn building.

Mr. R. A. Kerr and Mr. Randolph McAdams, operating under the firm name of Kerr & McAdams, have a candy shop and ice cream parlor that would do credit to any city in the country and it is conducted in a manner that is entirely metropolitan.

Section of Chocolate Shop, East Aisle

View of Soda Fountain From Entrance

Raised on Kerr's Ice Cream

Their store, two views of which are given here, is fitted with silent salesmen show cases throughout and they are all solid plate glass, front and back. The soda fountain is one of the handsomest in the city, being of solid marble, beautifully tinted.

The entire store is finished in mission and the artistic grill work flowers, the general effect being is enhanced by pretty vines and most pleasing and attractive.

They manufacture all of their candies and ice cream and the factory is equipped with the very latest machinery, including electric motors for running the freezers. The modern iceless fountain is equipped with a hot and cold water system and all of the latest hot and cold drinks are served summer and winter.

Mr. Kerr, who is the manager of the business, is a candy maker of long experience, having been with the Robson Candy Kitchen for twelve years and learning the trade with them. The finest chocolates and candies of all kinds are made fresh every day and they are enjoyed by thousands of people.

The business of Kerr & McAdams was established in May, 1910, and in a year and a half it has become very popular with all the people of Urbana and Champaign county. It is the up to date place and everybody enjoys it.

MAKING HARDWARE SPECIALTIES IN URBANA.

The Urbana Specialty Co. manufactures the celebrated Vaughn's patent screw driver, which is known in every state in the Union and has a large and rapidly growing sale everywhere. This patent screw driver is made in all sizes from two inches to three feet in length, from the best materials.

This company is now preparing to make a line of the finest cold chisels and other small tools. The factory is well equipped with the most modern machinery for turning out these lines of tools rapidly and a number of men are employed.

The Urbana Specialty Manufacturing Co. is also prepared to develop, manufacture and place upon the market first class articles, patented by those who are not prepared to manufacture and market them.

Exceptional Transportation Facilities

Urbana is favored in many things but in none more so than in its almost unexcelled shipping facilities.

There are few cities of its size that have three trunk lines passing through it and the main line of a great state traction system.

The main line of the great Pennsylvania system from New York to Chicago, passes through Urbana. This system is double tracked the entire distance between the metropolis and the great central metropolis and in some places it is triple tracked and Urbana is one of these places.

The Big Four, or New York Central lines, has main line and branches here and its track facilities are extensive in Urbana.

The main line of the Erie passes through Urbana and it has many sidings and extensive yards here.

The Ohio Electric Railway, running from Cleveland and Toledo to Cincinnati and other points passes through the centre of Urbana and provides both passenger and freight service to many important points and is proving a great convenience to the farmers, as well as the city people.

With four lines of so much importance it is easily seen that the manufacturers and business men in Urbana have advantages in shipping and in competitive rates that are hard to secure, outside of the very largest cities in the country.

Ohio Electric Railway on Main Street

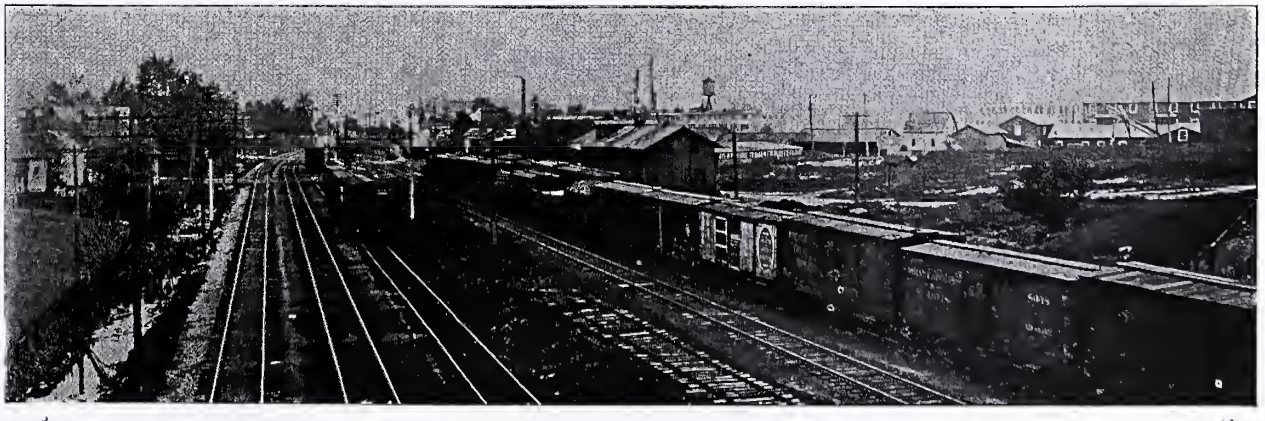
Natural Gas in Urbana

The Central Gas Co. is operating successfully in Urbana, furnishing natural gas, which is very generally used throughout the city, nearly every street being piped for gas.

At the nominal rate of thirty cents a thousand gas for heating and lighting is very cheap and the majority of the homes use it for cooking, heating and for general use.

The service has been very satisfactory and the patronage has been increasing steadily for a number of years.

The local offices of the company are on Scioto street. Mr. R. S. Pearce is the agent for Urbana and Mr. W. G. Arrowsmith is foreman. Mr. Pierce is a long time resident of Urbana and his capable management has much to do with the satisfactory condition of the Central Gas Co. in this city.



View of Railroad Yards and Factory District

The Douglas Inn—A Metropolitan Hotel

A good hotel is a great feature in any city and Urbana is indeed fortunate in having a fine hotel and a thoroughly capable hotel man to run it.

The Douglas Inn is the largest and finest appearing building in the business section of Urbana and Col. A. T. Gross is one of the best hotel men in the state.

Located on the corner of Monument Square and Miami street, in the very centre of the city, and on the same street with the depots, the Douglas Inn is the best hotel in any city of less than 25,000 population in Ohio. It has 60 rooms substantially and comfortably furnished, a large office and lobby, a large dining room finished and furnished in Mission, a completely equipped kitchen, a splendid laundry, public and private baths, telephone system in every room, hot and cold running water and many other features of a modern character that are rarely found outside of the big cities.

Col. Gross has been in the hotel business for more than a quarter of a century and the service he is giving the traveling public in the Douglas Inn is talked about by the traveling salesmen, the automobile parties, of which there have been several every day during the summer, and by everybody who has visited Urbana. Every department is conducted along the most modern lines and many have wondered how it could be done in a city the size of Urbana.

View of Douglas Inn From the Square

Cleanliness is a feature of the Douglas Inn and the most rigid sanitary conditions prevail from the kitchen to the parlor and especially is this true of the bedrooms. Good beds is another feature of a hotel and Col. Gross has furnished the best springs and matresses obtainable, so there is no tired feeling when arising at the Inn.

The Colonel is thoroughly progressive and he is constantly planning some improvement to the hotel. He is popular with the traveling public and while he is considered a bit gruff by some, those who know him best know him for a thorough gentleman and kind of heart to the extreme. His reputation as a chef and manager has brought him many special parties and banquets and his business is simply phenomenal for a hotel in a city of less than 10,000 population.

Section of Main Dining Room, Douglas Inn

Residence of W. S. Given

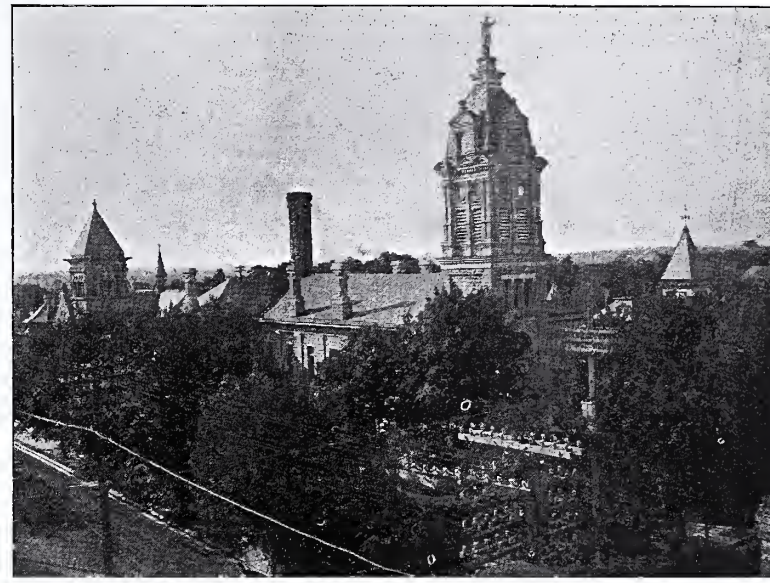
Reclaiming Valuable Lands in Champaign County

Champaign county is notable from the fact of the wonderful fertility of its land.

For more than a hundred years portions of this county have been under cultivation and still the land yields remarkable crops.

For many years the greaer portion of the county has been under cultivation and it is an admitted fact that the crops raised in Champaign county are unexcelled anywhere.

Combined with the fertility of the soil is the scientific training of the Champaign farmer. He reads and studies and investigates and when he finds the soil lacking in some ingredient that is necessary for the greater production, he supplies it through the various commercial fertilizers and, behold, his crops lead the world again.



Birds Eye View of Court House and Jail

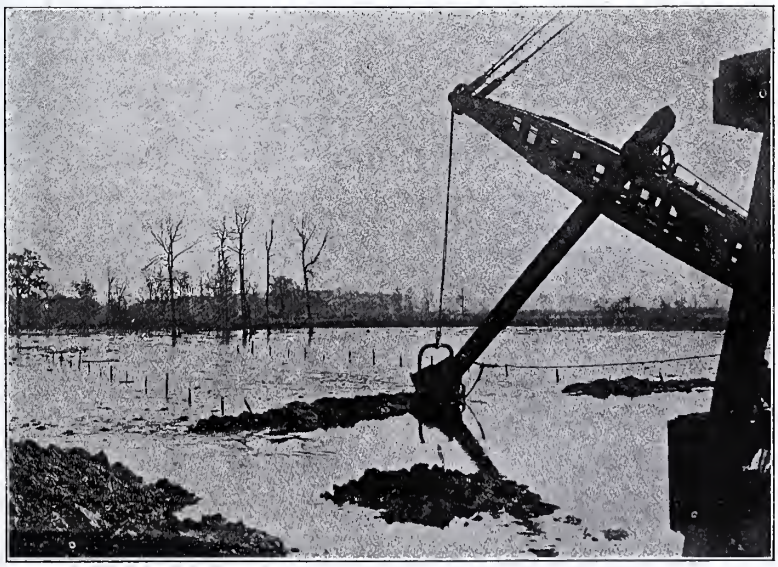
Until two years ago there was a large undeveloped section along certain portions of Mad river, which frequently overflowed its banks, during the rainy season. The county commissioners, with the cooperation of the property owners in the vicinity of these affected sections, started two years ago to remedy this condition, through straightening and deepening the river by means of a powerful steam dredge. This big dredge has gone nearly the entire length of the river in this county and when the work is completed this fall the fifteen miles of dredging will mark an improvement that means much for Champaign county.

Thousands of acres of rich land, comprising the river bottoms or low lands along the river, have been reclaimed and much of this territory is already under cultivation. With the completion of this splendid undertaking, practically every acre in Champaign county is placed in a condition to be cultivated and the drainage is as fine as anything in the state.

Intenisve farming is coming into vogue in this section, as well as in the southern countries and it will not be long before the farmers will be reducing their acreage, but they will be producing two or three crops on the same ground every season. This will be found more profitable and will throw open lands for new settlers. With smaller farms and more of them, the population will be greatly increased, the homes will be nearer to each other and social life among the farmers will be improved.

With so many big cities in such close proximity, the growing of small fruits and vegetables will be found very profitable, as there is an extensive market in this state alone, for all of these. Hundreds of farmers have retired on the reward of their labors in a land of peace and plenty. Fine homes are seen on every road and many of them would be considered elegant homes in the cities. Many of the farmers have automobiles and almost every farm is supplied with the very latest machinery and devices for reducing the labor and increasing the efficiency of the working force and the revenue of the fields.

Champaign county is a good place to make an investment and establish a home. It offers to the farmer a location that is second to none and with such surroundings for an incentive there is every likelihood of success.



Big Dredge at Work In Mad River

Moore's Business College

Moore's Business College on Monument Square

A business college is always a valuable adjunct to any city but when there is one that is as thorough and high class as Moore's Business college then the city is particularly favored.

This school was established in Urbana, December 4, 1899. It was first located at 215 North Main street but it soon outgrew its quarters and was moved to the building at the corner of Monument Square and Scioto street, almost in the center of the city. It now occupies the entire third floor of this building and is finely equipped in each department.

Moore's Business College enrolls sixty students and the demand for the graduates from this school is much greater than the supply. Mr. J. W. Moore, the manager and principal of the school, says he has never failed to place any of his graduates in good positions, either here or in the near by cities.

Complete courses of bookkeeping, shorthand, penmanship, typewriting, commercial arithmetic, commercial law and the combined business courses are taught. Every modern method has been introduced so that graduates are well equipped to take and hold first class positions.

During the past summer all the old typewriters were replaced by the very latest models of the best visible typewriters, eighteen new machines being installed. The touch system is taught from the beginning, a shield being placed over every keyboard, so that it connot be seen by the operator, who must learn the keyboard from touch. This enables a graduate from this school to direct attention entirely to the stenographic notes while writing, thus saving much valuable time.

Moore's Business College is the only one in Champaign county and one of the very best in Ohio and the young people of this section are fortunate in having such a business educational institution of such a high character so conveniently located. Their appreciation is shown in the fact that the patronage is constantly increasing and Moore's Business College is becoming well known in every part of the county and in the adjoining counties.

Growing Flowers in Urbana

Urbana has almost a national reputation for growing fine flowers and the products of the local greenhouses are in demand in all of the big cities of the eastern and central states.

One of the largest and most up to date greenhouses is that of Mr. S. W. Carey, the North End Florist. Mr. Carey has had an experience of many years in the cultivation of flowers and his success is the result of careful study and progressive methods.

He first began business in Urbana nine years ago and in the second year his plant was burned and he was obliged to start in all over again. He built two houses 140 feet long and each year he had added another house, until now he has seven, all the same length. The one shown in the illustration is 25 feet wide, 25 feet high in the centre and 140 feet long. This is the latest addition and it is equipped with all of the latest appliances and conveniences. The main building, in which are located the offices, sorting rooms and shipping room, is located on Bloomfield avenue, the greenhouses opening out of it and extending back to the alley.

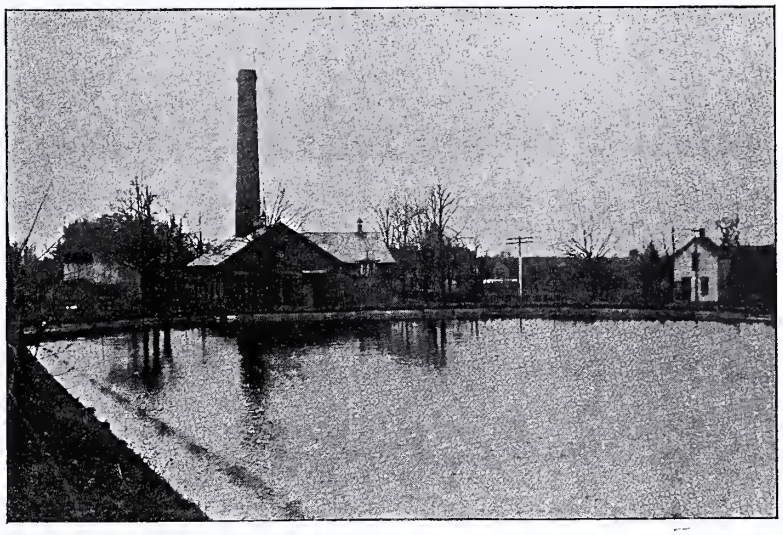
Urbana's Wonderful Water Supply

A good water supply is a very essential factor in the building up of a city and the development of its resources.

Urbana is peculiarly fortunate in having a water supply that is almost remarkable. It would seem as if the earth underneath this city is supplied with an irrigating system of a gigantic character, as the water supply is almost inexhaustable.

The big paper mills sink large wells to a depth of twenty feet and though they use millions of gallons of water they can make no perceptible impression on this wonderful water supply. Constant pumping for hours will only lower it in the well a short distance and as soon as the pumping is stopped the water will rise to its regular point, near the top.

Several of these large wells furnish an adequate supply of water for the city, and filtering through the gravel, which underlies the entire city, it is as near pure as water supplied to any city. The city pumping station has a capacity of 800,000 gallons every 24 hours and the water has a clear appearance and a palatable taste, being always cool.



View of City Water Works

This unusual water supply has appealed to manufacturers, especially the paper makers, as they use immense quantities of water and as their entire supply can be secured here at a minimum of expense, it means a considerable saving to them. The Howard Paper Co. and the Urbana Box Board Co. get their water supply at a nominal cost to their business.

County Infirmary and Its New Water System

Installing Water System in County Infirmary

The county infirmary is a fine institution, located just outside of Urbana. A few months ago a pneumatic water system was installed by H. W. Roberts, the well known plumber, which has already proved that it will save the county $300 a year in the consumption of water and at the same time furnishes adequate fire protection, as a strong stream of water can be thrown over the entire building. The tank installed by the Roberts shop is 7 feet by 28 feet and is kept at 75 to 100 pounds pressure.

Mr. Roberts has installed similar systems in various parts of the county, in large farm houses and public buildings and they have always proved a success. Plumbing of a general nature, heating and gas fitting are done by the Roberts shop and a complete line of bath tubs, lavatories, toilets, gas fixtures, lamp shades, etc., are carried.

Stadler's Modern Clothing Store

The last few years have seen great changes in the method and manner of handling merchandise. Modern improvements have been introduced for the care and convenience of clothing, furnishings, etc., and the up to date stores have been quick to adopt these improvements.

One of the first to introduce the new ideas in Urbana was the old established clothing store of M. Stadler's Sons, which was started in 1840, seventy one years ago, by Moses Stadler, who died fourteen years ago, after an active business life. His sons, Gabe and Harry, succeeded to the business and are conducting it along progressive lines, successfully.

For sixteen years the business was conducted on Monument Square, in the Douglas Inn building, but now occupies the prominent corner of Main and Court streets. The present building was entirely remodeled two years ago, when a modern plate glass front was put in and new fixtures installed throughout. The latter include the modern wall cabinets, where all the clothing is kept under glass and always pressed ready to put on; the latest show cases and fixtures for showing furnishing goods, etc.

Interior of the Stadler Store.

A fine boys' and children's department is one of the features of the store and in every department the best lines manufactured in this country are carried. A splendid basement is used for opening goods and for surplus stocks.

During the many years in which the Stadler business has been conducted in Urbana, the treatment of customers has been so uniform and courteous that the store has gained the confidence of the people of this section and the patronage has constantly increased.

Plant of Urbana Light Company

Furnishing Electric Light and Power.

The Urbana Light Co. is one of the most important of the public service corporations in Urbana. It was organized in 1905 and succeeded the Urbana Light & Power Co.

The plant is equipped with all of the latest machinery and the business has increased so rapidly that it has been found necessary to enlarge. The present capacity is 350 kilowats and the company is now arranging to increase this to 600 kilowats in the spring, practically doubling the capacity.

The plant is operated continuously night and day, furnishing power and light at all times. Many modern lighting devices have been introduced here, among them some very attractive electric signs.

The officers of the company are: C. H. Marvin, President; J. F. Brand, Vice President; J. C. Powers, Secretary; T. A. Edmondson, Treasurer; W. P. Hurd, Superintendent.

J. T. RYAN, UNDERTAKER.

Mr. J. T. Ryan, the well known undertaker, has been in business in Urbana twelve years and in that time he has established a reputation for careful and painstaking business methods. His name and reputation have spread in every direction, so that he is called upon from every part of Champaign county and frequently from outside of the county.

Mr. Ryan is a graduate embalmer and he has made a careful study of every feature of his business. He has two fine hearses, an undertaker's wagon and a runabout and carries in stock a full line of caskets, linings, hardware, etc.

Having the confidence of the public and being well known throughout this section as a progressive business man, Mr. Ryan now enjoys a good patronage and he is entitled to the success that has attended his efforts.

Business Section of Urbana

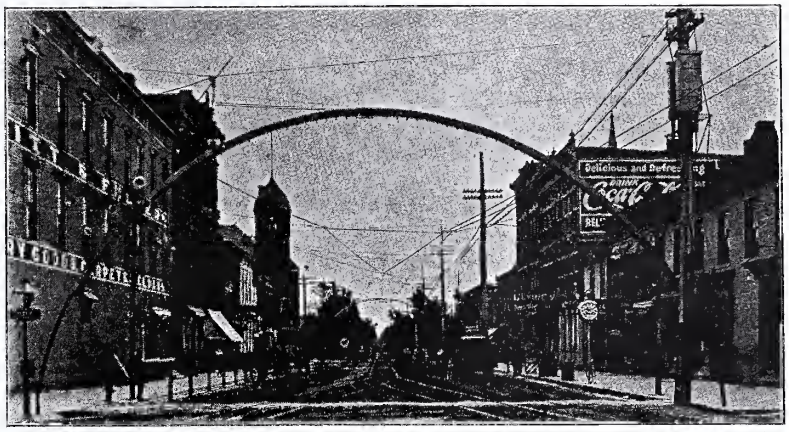
The business section of Urbana is nicely arranged and is fairly compact.

Monument Square, which is directly in the centre of the city, is surrounded with business houses, some of the buildings having been erected nearly a century ago.

Main street is lined with business houses for two or three blocks on the north and south of the square, this being the principal business street.

Miami street, which runs west from the square to the depots, has a great many business places and Scioto and Court streets have business places for one block from Main.

The various lines of merchandise are all well represented and the majority of the stores are enjoying a profitable patronage and are known to be in excellent financial condition.



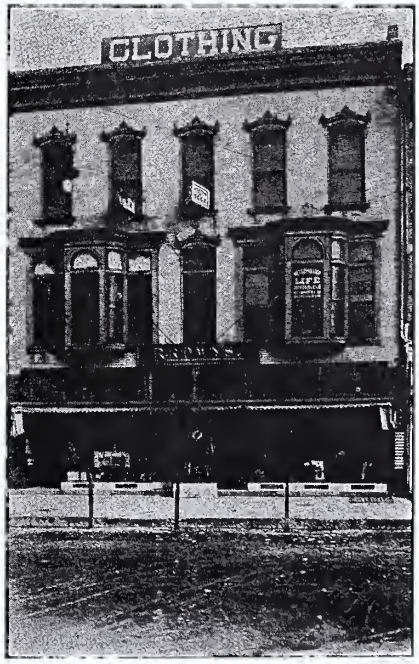
Main Street, Looking South From the Square

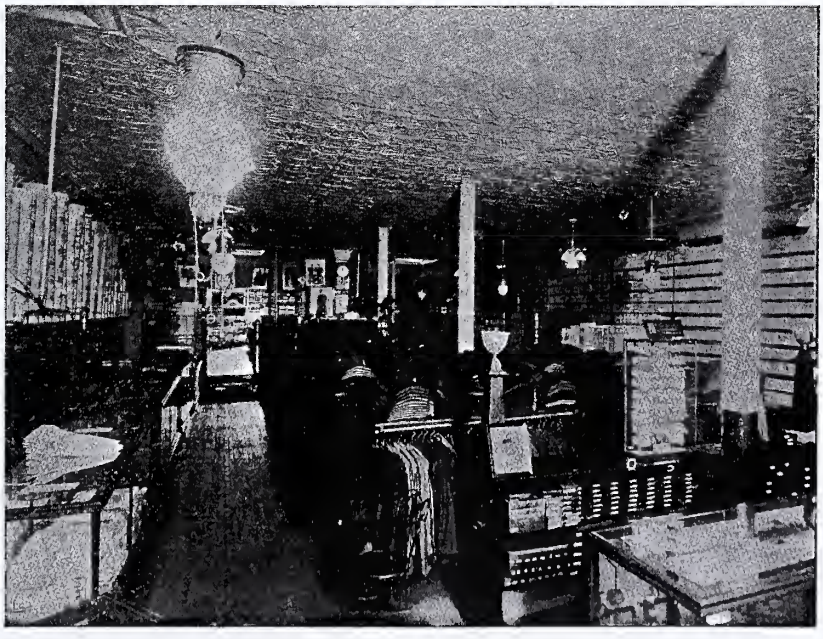
URBANA'S LARGEST CLOTHING STORE.

Mr. W. E. Brown, the well known clothing merchant, at the age of thirteen, started to work in the clothing store of Joseph Fisher and grew in the business until he became a partner, when he was about twenty-five years of age.

The store was then located at the corner of Main and West Court streets but was moved to the northwest corner of the square in 1882 and after a number of years of successful business together, Mr. Fisher retired, his interest being purchased by Mr. Brown, who has conducted it alone for a number of years.

In 1907 Mr. Brown purchased the building now occupied by his modern store, next to the old stand. The entire building was remodeled and modernized. The main floor, which is 40x81 feet, was fitted up for his business by the introduction of the very latest fixtures, wall cases, show cases and a complete shoe department was added. The store as it appears today, is one of the finest in Ohio, carrying high grade clothing, furnishings, hats and shoes and its patronage has steadily increased, until it is known in every corner of Champaign county and is largely patronized by out of the county people as well.





Interior of Brown's Clothing Store

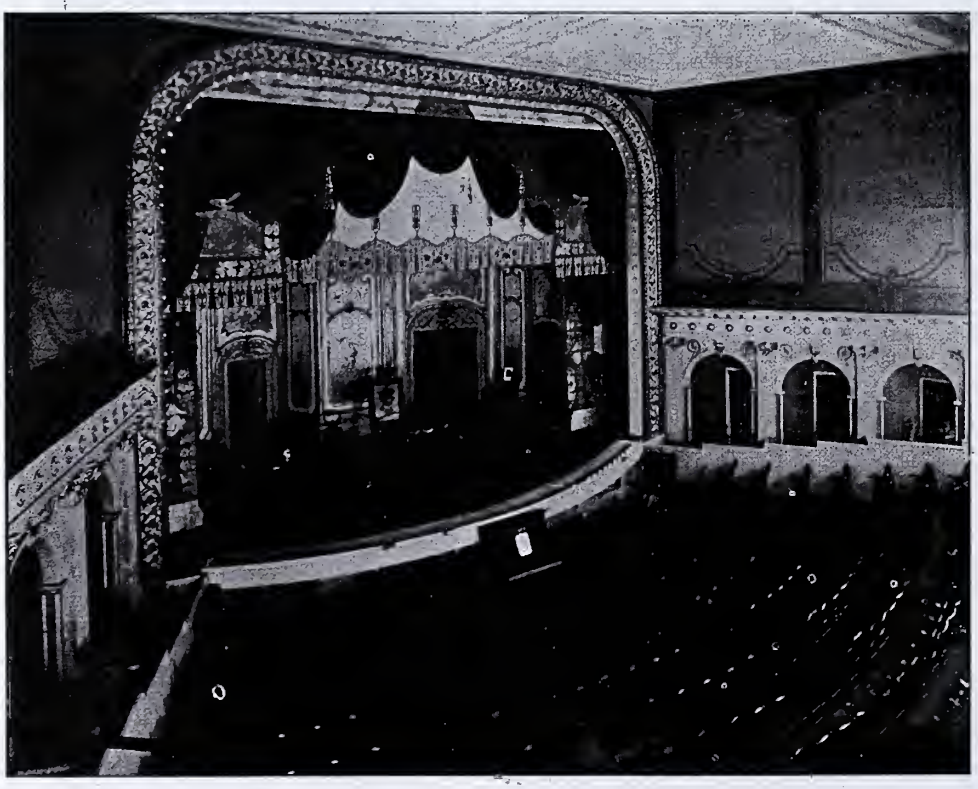
Mr. Brown is Secretary and Treasurer of the Urbana Mills Co., manufacturers of worsted cloth; a director of the Champaign National Bank and a director of the Peoples Building and Loan Association. Always an indefatigable worker, genial and affable, Mr. Brown has made many friends and his success is thoroughly deserved.

Urbana's Metropolitan Theatre and Its Famous Manager

The Clifford Theatre, owned solely and managed by Billy S. Clifford, known to his host of boyhood friends as "Clif" Shyrigh, is the pride of Urbana.

Built in 1907 it stands a monument to Billy's affection for his home town, on the lot where he was born and reared. Every dollar represented in this extensive investment was made by Billy Clifford away from Urbana, in his successful theatrical career.

Larger than many metropolitan theatres both as to stage and auditorium, it can accommodate any attraction or any audience. Beautiful in its appearance, inside and out, with thought for the thespian as well as the patron in its accommodations, it is a real pleasure for the actor as well as the auditor to visit the Clifford Theatre.



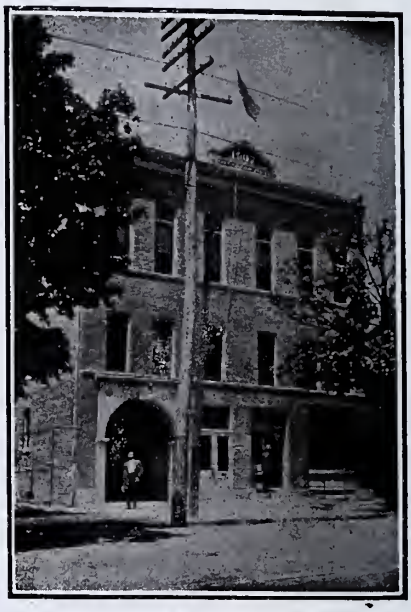
Interior View Showing Portion of Clifford Theatre

The Clifford is a ground floor theatre, with a commodious lobby entrance. It has a seating capacity of 1,250, is furnished with the best opera chairs and comfortable loges. Lighted with both electricity and gas it presents a most attractive interior appearance. The stage is 80 x 35 feet, height to gridiron 65 feet, proscenium opening 40x30 feet and it is equipped with the very latest lighting devices to secure the best effects.

There are eight dressing rooms well lighted and ventilated, nicely furnished and are supplied with running water and all modern conveniences.

The Clifford Theatre is centrally located, being within one square of the center of the city, near the hotels and easy of access. It is the only regular theatre in the county and has a drawing population of 20,000. The transportaion facilities are excellent, as Urbana has three main lines, the Pennsylvania, Big Four and Erie, besides the main line of the Ohio Electric Co., between Toledo and Cincinnati.

Just a word about the owner. Starting at the early age of sixteen as a concert singer and dancer with Orton's circus, Billy Clifford has risen until he stands as one of the most poular comedians on the American stage today. In vaudeville he is able to command a high salary and at the head of his own compay in musical comedy, he is greeted from coast to coast with capacity audiences. New York, Cincinnati and even Columbus claim him but he is ever true to his "Home Town" and registers "Urbana, Ohio," wherever he goes. Genial and affable, he has a host of friends the country over and never fails to recognize Urbana people, whereever he finds them, on the streets or in the audiences of the big cities. He owns stock in a number of local enterprises and is one big booster for Urbana all the time.



The Clifford Theatre

BILLY CLIFFORD
The Famous Comedian,
Owner of the Clifford Theatre

Beautiful Residence Streets

Few cities in the country can boast of more beautiful streets than Urbana, which has had a century in which to develop magnificent shade.

There is no more lovely avenue anywhere than Scioto street and the famous Willow drive, leading from it to the cemetery, is without a peer in the land.

Every residence street in the city is lined with superb maples and oaks and the foliage is beautiful druing the summer and fall months.

The streets are all wide and are kept in good condition. Concrete curbs line each side on all the principal streets and cement sidewalks are found on every residence street in the city.

Handsome Foliage on Court Street

Much pride is taken by the residents in keeping the spacious lawns in perfect condition and the space between the sidewalks and curb are all kept nicely and the general appearance is very attractive.

View of North Main Street

Flowers and vines are seen in abundance and the air of restfulness and comfort predominates in all of the residence sections.

The Art of Photography.

Photography has become a real art and especially outdoor or view photography. That's what makes this book a work of art, because it is filled with interesting views. However, it is art mixed with business, as many of the illustrations are of factories and business buildings, still it will be found very interesting.

Most of the photographs were made by Mr. M. F. Conklin, the clever artist who conducts a photograph gallery on the south side of the square in the building adjoining Hitt's store. Mr. Conklin has made a specialty of view photography and his post card views are found all over this part of the country. His portarit work has also attracted much attention and many of the best people patronize him. He does first class work and deserves the liberal patronage he is receiving.

Beautiful Lafayette Avenue

The Rexall Drug Store

For more than fifty years there has been a drug store in the building at the corner of Main street and the square and it has always been popular with the public.

Mr. Chas. F. Downey purchased this store ten years ago and he has conducted it so admirably that it is more popular than ever. Since he has had the store a fine soda fountain, of the sanitary kind has been installed and all of the very latest drinks are served at all times.

Many other improvements have been made by Mr. Downey in the way of new shelving, fixtures and show cases that are thoroughly modern. A first class cigar department is a feature. The leading local brands of Urbana made cigars are carried and also a nice line of Havana cigars, smokers' supplies, etc.

The prescription department is one of the best in the state and a complete line of the best toilet preparations is apreciated by the patrons of the store. The stock of drugs and medicines is always complete and all of the leading remedies are carried, also a fine line of rubber goods, hot water bottles, etc.

Downey's drug store is a household word in Urbana and Champaign county and Mr. Downey is recognized as one of the most progressive and enterprising business men in this section.

Interior View of Downey's Drug Store

THE ARCH POOL ROOM

One of the handsomest and best equipped pool rooms in Urbana is The Arch, located on Main street, near the corner of Church street. The business was established by Mr. J. F. Heatherman, who had been connected with the police department for over fifteen years and was, for several years, chief of police.

Upon his death about four months ago, the business reverted to his nephew, Mr. J. H. Gearen, a well known railroad man of Columbus, who has conducted it successfully since that time.

The Arch Is Always Busy

POPULAR GROCERY BUSINESS.

The grocery business of Houtz & McDonald, on the south side of Monument square, is one of the best known in Urbana and one of the most popular with the people of Champaign county.

The business partnership of this firm was formed in 1883, in the same building now occupied by the business. Mr. Duncan B. McDonald was for a number of years county treasurer of Champaign county.

Both Mr. Houtz and Mr. McDonald are favorably known in Urbana and throughout this entire section and their trade is a substantial and profitable one.

Interior of Houtz & McDonald's Grocery

Hundreds of Handsome Homes

Urbana is distinctively a home city.

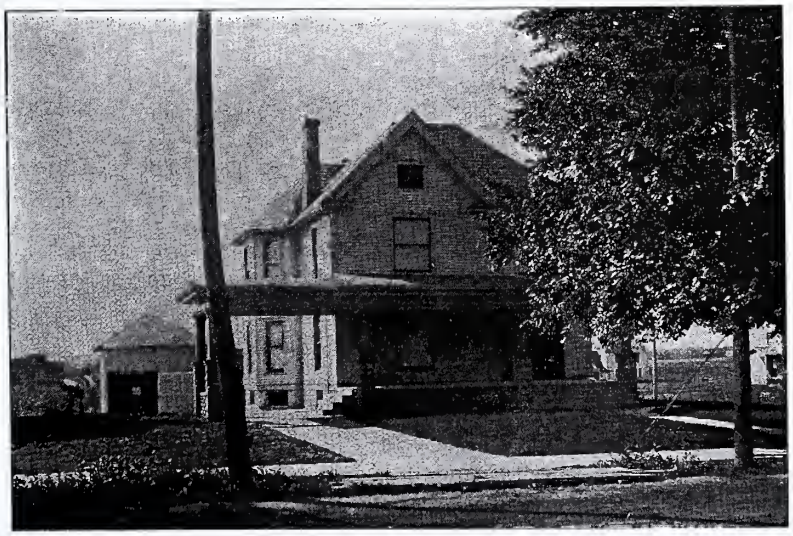
The residence sections are beautiful. The magnificent trees and foliage makes them more attractive than those of many cities.

There are hundreds of fine homes, many of them being built along the most modern lines, while many others have been remodeled and improved by the introduction of the latest conveniences and comforts.

Quite a number are in the elegant class and would do credit to the largest cities. A few of these are in the $50,000 class and are really mansions.

Spacious lawns, artistic drives and lovely flower gardens characterize the homes of the well to do people, while large verandas furnish restful places, in which to enjoy the summer months.

Beautiful Home of Joseph Murphy on Scioto Street



New Residence of T. E. Dye on North Main Street

Many new homes have been erected in Urbana in the past two years and the modern style of architecture has been introduced in all of these. In Homecrest, the new subdivision of North Main street, twenty modern homes have been erected and a number of others are planned for early in the spring.

Who Made the Engravings?

That's a question that will be asked many times in connection with this book, because there are few publications that carry as fine a lot of engravings as The Progress and Prosperity Edition of The Urbana Daily Citizen. Practically all of the engravings were made by The Springfield Engraving Co., which has been established in Springfield for twenty years.

Mr. Louis Gebhardt, the capable manager, has had many years experience in some of the largest engraving plants of this country and since he took charge of The Springfield plant it has become one of the best known in central Ohio and the business has trebled. Many of the largest factories have all their catalogue work and illustrations made by The Springfield Engraving Co., and find it very satisfactory.

Residence of Harry Stadler on Scioto Street

MAKING HIGH GRADE BROOMS.

The Urbana Broom Company has been manufacturing high grade brooms in Urbana since 1898. Recently the factory, which is located on Court street, near the Big Four depot, was entirely remodeled and greatly enlarged and equipped with the very latest machinery. It is now the most complete broom factory in the United States and has a capacity of 175 dozen brooms a day. The building, which is of brick, is 40x155 feet, three stories and is conveniently arranged in every department.

This concern caters to the best class of trade and their high grade parlor brooms have a reputation all over the country. The handles have an enamel finish that makes them the most substantial and desirable in the market. An extensive trade has been established in Ohio, West Virginia, Pennsylvania, Virginia, Kentucky, Indiana and Michigan.

Mr. W. R. Wilson, who is Mayor of Urbana, and one of its most popular citizens, is manager of the Urbana Broom Co. and Mr. L. C. Shyrigh, also a popular business man, is in charge of the manufacturing department.

Factory of Urbana Broom Co.

THE LEADING MACHINE SHOP.

A thorough machinist of long experience at the head of a well equipped machine shop, is a great advantage to any city and Urbana is very fortunate in having Mr. R. B. Duffy and his big shop located here.

Mr. Duffy served six years in the best shops in Springfield and five years in the Dayton shops and has acquired a knowledge of machinery that is valuable to him and to his many customers. He came here two years ago and bought out Gregg Bros., on Market street and has a finely established business.

The Duffy Machine Shop is the best equipped in town for repairing automobiles, factory machinery and general repair work. The building is 60 by 100 feet and has all the modern machinery necessary for the most difficult repairing. The plant is operated by a large gas engine and the business is constantly increasing, as it deserves to, under the careful direction of Mr. Duffy.

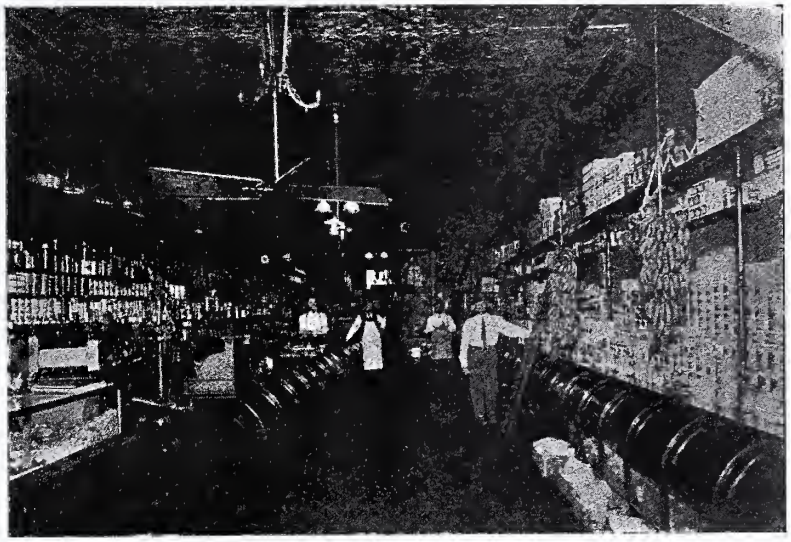
Interior of Duffy's Machine Shop

The Urbana Postoffice

The Urbana postoffice, just at present, is nothing to be proud of, owing to the fact that there is every likelihood of having a fine new government building within the next two years. The Urbana office is in the second class and about two years ago an appropriation was made by congress for the purchase of a site for a new building. The site was selected on Miami street and purchased. Just before the closing of the extra session of Congress a bill was introduced by Congressman Willis for an appropriation of $75,000 for a postoffice building and it is expected that it will be passed at the regular session this winter.

Mr. Lee G. Pennock, the postmaster, has served in this capacity for several years and during his administration the business of the office has increased over 20 per cent. The receipts for the last fiscal year were $21,500, as against $18,000 for the previous year. Aside from the postmaster there is the assistant postmaster, five city carriers, nine rural carriers, five clerks, a special delivery messenger and a mail messenger. A twenty foot brick extension is being made to the present quarters, in order to make room for handling the constantly increasing business.

Urbana's Large and Modern Grocery



Interior of the Berry Grocery

One of the most attractive and popular stores in Urbana is the well known grocery of Thomas H. Berry's Sons, on North Main street, in the heart of the business section.

The firm is composed of Mr. W. E. Berry and Mr. L. B. Berry. The former is the popular cashier of The National Bank of Urbana and the latter is the manager of the store.

Mr. T. H. Berry, the father, started in the grocery business in 1845, in a room now occupied by The Manhattan on the square. He moved the business to its present location in 1860 and after a prosperous business career, died in 1879. The store was conducted by another son, Mr. T. C. Berry, until his death in 1907, when it passed into the hands of the present owners.

The Berry Grocery has always been one of the most popular in Urbana and has always enjoyed an entensive patronage. The most modern methods have been introduced into the business and all the latest fixtures and devices are used throughout the store. A complete stock of staple and fancy groceries and all the finest table delicacies are constantly carried, as well as all of the fruits and vegetables in market.

Mr. L. B. Berry, the manager of the store, has introduced many up to date ideas into the business and its popualrity with the people both in the city and country, has been largely instrumental in increasing the business. The success of this long established business is well deserved and there is every indication that it will continue to increase.

THE BRUNSWICK A POPULAR PLACE.

Everybody knows The Brunswick. In the first place it is right in the centre of the business section and what is more important, it is conducted in such a manner that it is immensely popular with the people.

Mr. W. A. Snodgrass and Mr. H. H. Williams are enterprising and progressive business men and they conduct a first class restaurant, which is patronized by the best people and their pool and billiard section is the favorite amusement place for the business men.

The room is 198 feet deep and is finely lighted and thoroughly equipped with five of the best pool tables made and one billiard table. All of the modern conveniences are found at The Brunswick. A splendid cigar stand is maintained and all of the best brands of cigars and tobaccos are carried. The base ball scores are posted every afternoon and all the newspapers and periodicals are kept for the customers.

The Brunswick—200 Feet In Depth

Building Insurance Business

Mr. James F. Hearn is well known in Urbana and all over Champaign county as the Insurance Man. He has been in Urbana fourteen years and in that time he has built up and established a most satisfactory business.

Mr. Hearn is District Agent for the John Hancock Mutual Life Insurance Co., of Boston, Mass., and he has developed an extensive business for that long established concern, in this district. He is also agent for the Travelers' Insurance Company, The Preferred Accident Insurance Co., of New York; The National Surety Co., of New York; The Jersey Plate Glass Co. and The Hartford Steam Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co.

Mr. Hearn writes life, accident and health insurance; all forms of casualty insurance, burglary insurance, automobile insurance and corporate surety on all forms of court, contract, fidelity and public official bonds. His office is with J. W. Crowl at 126½ North Main street.

Modern Vulcanizing Plant

The automobile business has grown rapidly in Urbana and this section and the repairing of automobile tires has come to be an important industry. Mr. M. E. Gehman saw the opportunity and installed a thoroughly modern vulcanizing plant in his garage on West Water street.

Mr. Gehman has had a number of years experience in the manufacturing and repairing of automobiles. He started in Columbus, then went to St. Paul, Seattle and Portland, working in the largest garages. He returned to Dayton and worked in the Stoddard-Dayton factory for over a year. On his return to Urbana two years ago he was with Mr. George Stephans for a time and then took over the business and has built up an extensive trade.

With the introduction of the very latest devices Mr. Gehman is enabled to do anything in rubber tire work and orders are coming to him from all over this section of the country. His vulcanizing plant is as complete as any in Cleveland or Cincinnati and is superior to most of those in the state.

Gehman's Garage and Vulcanizing Plant

The Urbana Telephone Company.

Urbana is fortunate in having a home telephone company that gives satisfactory service at a reasonable rate.

The Urbana Telephone Company was organized in 1898 by local people and started with 400 subscribers. This number grew constantly until there are now 1,275 subscribers on the Urbana exchange and 125 on the Westville exchange, which is owned by this company.

Connection is made with all surrounding towns and a good long distance service is given through the United States Telephone Co. Many of the farmers in Champaign county are using the Urbana Telephone Co. phones and find them a great convenience.

The company has, at present, a total of 1,853 miles of wire in use, divided as follows: 133 miles of pole lines, seven and a half miles of aerial cable, three quarters of a mile of underground cable, 700 miles of single wires and 1153 miles of wire in cables.

The automatic calling system is used in the city and operators make the connections in the country and for long distance. The business is under the management of Mr. A. C. Neff, who has had many years of telephone experience and who looks closely after the interests of subscribers. This is one of the few home companies that has issued no bonds and is in a sound financial condition.

The officers of the company are: C. H. Marvin, President; J. I. Blose, Vice President; E. E. Cheney, Secretary; J. C. Powers, Treasurer.

Humphrey & Son, Undertakers

In 1873 Mr. G. H. Humphrey purchased the undertaking business of Wm. Scorah and for nearly forty years he has been located at the corner of Main and Court streets and has conducted the business in a manner that has made many friends throughout this entire section.

Nearly twenty years ago Mr. R. A. Humphrey joined his father in the business and the firm name has been Humphrey & Son for a long time. The junior Mr. Humphrey has made a study of all of the latest ideas in embalming and the success of this concern is largely due to the painstaking methods and desire to please patrons.

Humphrey & Son have always been the leading undertakers in Urbana. They have a splendid equipment of hearses, carriages, etc., and carry a large line of caskets, linings, etc. They have both the Bell and Automatic telephones in their office and are always prepared to give the best service.

Interior of Gehman's Vulcanizing Plant

Many Manufacturing Plants in Urbana

Urbana has many advantages to offer to manufacturing industries and they are rapidly being taken advantage of.

At the beginning of the present century there were few factories here, but the wonderful advantages of unexcelled shipping facilities, the magnificent water supply, the low rate of taxes and the entire absence of labor troubles began to attract attention and one by one the factories have been lured to this most desirable of all locations and now they are numbered by the score.

Urbana cloth has been worn by men and women in nearly every state in the Union.

Urbana automatic telephones ring in Germany and France as well as in many places in the United States.

Urbana brooms sweep the floors in a dozen states.

Urbana egg cases fill the cold storage warehouses from coast to coast.

Urbana writing papers grace the homes of the rich and the offices in the great cities.

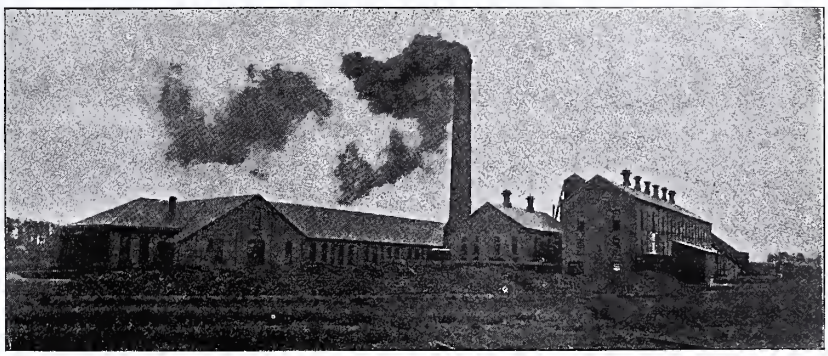
Urbana tin cans, filled with choice tomatoes, corn, peas and pumpkin, grown around Urbana, are found on the shelves of the leading groceries of the central states.

Urbana screw drivers are used by a million carpenters in this country and Canada.

Urbana wardrobes are familiar in the hotels and homes everywhere.

Urbana straw board is used from Pittsburg to Chicago.

Urbana valves are praised by machinists and plumbers up and down the land.



United Box Board Co.'s Factory

Urbana dried currants are the joy of cooks from Ohio to California.

Urbana flour is known for its purity in every section of Ohio.

Urbana roasted coffee is praised in the homes and restaurants of many cities and rural districts.

Urbana creamery butter is as well known in Pittsburg as it is at home where most of the people love it.

Urbana flowers are sold in Cincinnati, Cleveland, Pittsburg, Chicago and New York.

Factory of the Automatic Telephone Co.

Urbana carriages and pony carts are used in all parts of Ohio.

Urbana halters are the joy of horsemen in the stables of the nation.

Urbana cigars are smoked by thousands in this section.

Urbana rugs are walked on by the aristocrats of the country.

Urbana packed beef and pork rivals the product of the big Chicago establishments.

Urbana sash, doors and interior finish are known in many Ohio cities.

Urbana glass bottles will soon be used by the big breweries and drug manufacturers of the central states.

STRAW BOARD MADE IN URBANA.

One of the best equipped straw board factories in the country is located in Urbana. The United Box Board Co. has a plant with a capacity of 30 tons a day of straw board of fine quality.

This plant has 800 horse power and employes about fifty men. It was established in Urbana sixteen years ago and was known for some time as The Ohio Straw Board Co.

Mr. C. M. Clay is the popular superintendent of the factory, which is now controlled by eastern capital.

MANUFACTURING AUTOMATIC TELEPHONES.

The Automatic Telephone Co. was established in Urbana three years ago and a fine factory building 266x60 feet, splendidly lighted and thoroughly equipped was run with a force of over 200 employees for some time, until trouble with the calling device made it imperative to discontinue the major portion of the factory for a time.

A new ten point calling device has just been perfected and the tools for making it are being turned out at the factory now. This new device is so simple and so effective that the Automatic will lead all other telephones and it is expected that this system will be placed in most of the new telephone stations of the country in the near future.

Manufacturing Writing Papers in Urbana

The Immense Factory of the Howard Paper Co.

The Howard Paper Co. built a factory in Urbana 110x410 feet, of brick, reinforced concrete and steel, equipped it with modern machinery for the manufacture of fine writing papers and began operations in May, 1910.

The business has grown steadily from the start and the mill has been run to its capacity practically all of the time and its capacity is 30 tons a day, making it one of the largest paper mills in this section.

The writing papers manufactured by the Howard Paper Co. are sold all over the United States and an extensive export business is being developed by the company. The Pennsylvania elevated track alongside the factory makes the shipping in and out convenient and throughout the latest ideas are used for the economy of everything.

This is a high class concern conducted by men of means and experience and it is establishing a reputation all over the country for the best goods and its trade will increase steadily.

The capital stock of The Howard Paper Co. is $500,000 and the officers are: Maxwell Howard, President; Ward R. Howard, Vice President; Lucius S. Howard, Secretary and Treasurer. A branch office is maintained in Dayton, Ohio.

Display Room of Bunn ell Monumental Works

BUNNELL MONUMENTAL WORKS.

The D. M. Bunnell Estate Monumental Works were started in Urbana in 1868 by Mr. D. M. Bunnell, who died last year. Mr. Bunnell was a man of energy and perseverance and he made a deep study of the cut stone business. It was an art with him and his success was remarkable.

The business is now being conducted by his son, Mr. Leslie Bunnell, and the two brothers of the deceased. The building in which are located the offices and display rooms, is of brick, 60x120 feet, and the cutting shed in the rear is 20x40 feet. A view of the former is given herewith, showing some of the creations of this concern in stone and marble.

The business of the concern is in building stone, monuments and masoleums and bronze memorial work. Many fine stone buildings have been erected in various sections and masoleums and monuments from the Bunnell works are found in the cemeteries of this state and Indiana.

Among the stone buildings that have attracted attention are:

The handsome Murphy residence on Scioto street.

The first M. E. Church on Main street.

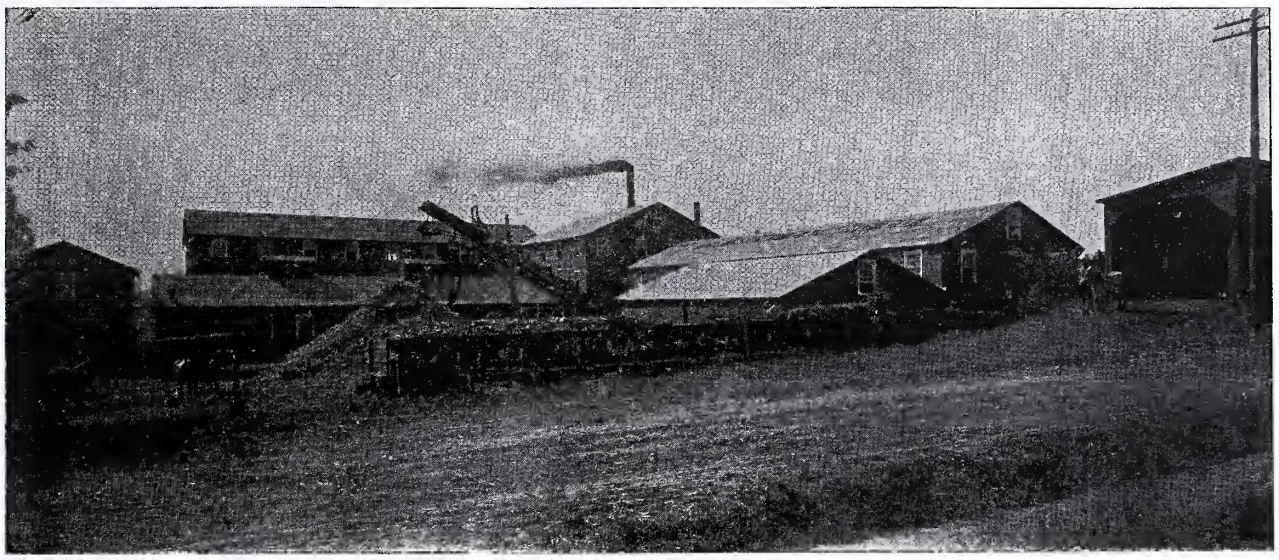
The Southard residence in Marysville, Ohio.

The West Liberty school building.

The Leeson, Edwins, Dehority masoleums of Elwood, Ind.; the Pepperday masoluem at Mt. Vernon, Ind.; the Barlow masoleum at Plain City, O., and the T. P. Kite Masoleum at St. Paris, Ohio, are among some of the finest erected by the Bunnell works.

The business is conducted along the careful and conscientious lines adopted by the founder of the business and it will continue to grow as it has in the past.

Urbana's Big Canning Industry



McCoy Canning Company's Plant In Full Operation Sept. 15

The McCoy Canning Co. was organized in 1904, with a capital stock of $100,000, and the business of canning sweet corn, garden peas and tomatoes was begun in earnest. It has grown steadily until this year the product will reach 2,500,000 cans at the Urbana plant. The plants of the company at Woodstock and New Carlisle will produce half a million cans of tomatoes this season.

The Urbana plant has grown until it now occupies practically an entire square in the factory section and it is equipped with a wonderful elevator service that carries the raw products from the wagon dump and the freight trains direct to the machine rooms and also carries out the corn husks and other refuse matter. The latest machinery has been installed for husking corn, shelling peas and pealing tomatoes and for canning the goods in the most approved manner.

The corn, peas and tomatoes are all marketed under special brands, which are household words in many states. "Purity" is the brand for the first grade, "Mad River" for the second grade and "Cuba" for the third grade. The factory runs from five to six months every year and employs 200 people at the heighth of the canning season.

The farmers in the surrounding country appreciate this immense canning factory and they find that it is more profitable to raise corn and peas for canning than almost any other crop. The factory pays $8.00 a ton for sweet corn and from four to five tons are raised to the acre. Many of the farmers made from $40.00 to $50.00 an acre on peas this season and tomatoes are also a profitable crop.

Mr. R. G. McCoy, of Circleville, was the organizer of the company and held half of the stock until his death in July, 1909. Last June the interest of the McCoy estate was purchased by local men, one of whom was Mr. T. E. Dye, the well known insurance agent and real estate dealer and he was elected President and Treasurer of the company. Mr. Edward Inskeep, who has been with the institution since its inception, is Vice President and Manager. Mr. C. D. Northup is Secretary and Mr. C. C. Inskeep is Assistant Treasurer.

MAKING FLOUR FOR THOUSANDS.

The Urbana City Mills, which are now owned and operated by Mr. W. A. Woodward, were established in 1871, just forty years ago. Mr. Woodward was interested in the business for twenty years and became the owner in June, 1910.

The mills have a capacity of 75 barrels of flour a day, besides the meal and whole wheat flour. Mr. Woodward is also an extensive buyer and shipper of grain.

"Woodward's Purity Flour," which is advertised on the outside cover of this book, has a reputation for excellence that is unsurpassed and it is a favorite all over Champaign county and for fifty miles around Urbana.

The Urbana City Mills

Urbana Has A Big Lumber Company

One of the most important industries in Urbana has been developed in less than ten years by the progressive spirit of Mr. Joseph Murphy. He came here in 1902 and purchased the business of the old Colwell lumber plant and proceeded to eject new life into it.

A main building was erected at once, 84x168 feet, adjoining the Big Four depot. Lumber sheds were built all over an acre of ground, with drives running between and practically all lumber is constantly under cover. It is the largest lumber yard in this section of Ohio and the business of The Murphy Lumber Co. is growing so rapidly that space is at a premium again.

This company also has a planing mill, 50x120 feet, on Court street, which is equipped with all the modern machinery for the production of sash, doors, frames, interior finish and novelties. Many important contracts have been satisfactorily finished by this mill in the past few years in Urbana and Champaign county.

Miami Street Side of Murphy Lumber Co.

The Murphy Lumber Co. handles complete lines of cement, plaster, glass, roofing felts and builders supplies generally. They are also dealers in coal and have an extensive trade in both hard and soft coal for household and general use.

The sawmill of The Murphy Lumber Co. is located on Beech street just west of the city. The company buys timber and cuts it up for the trade and employs a number of men at the mill, while a large number are employed in the yards and planing mill, making this a valuable asset to the business interests of Urbana.

Mr. Murphy is one of the most progressive citizens of Urbana, taking an active interest in all public spirited enterprises and encouraging everything that will be of benefit to the city. He erected, a few years ago, the finest residence in the city, a view of which is given in this book. He is ably assisted in the management of the business by his son, C. W. Murphy, who is especially fitted for the position, being a graduate from the business college of the Illinois University.

MANUFACTURING EGG CASE SUPPLIES.

For several years Urbana has had a reputation as a manufacturing centre of egg cases and egg case supplies.

Mr. W. M. Baker, whose initiative established this line of industry in this city more than 23 years ago, was later successful,

through the assistance of the Urbana Board of Trade, in bringing to the attention of out of town paper mill makers, the advantages possessed by Urbana, as an inducement for a straw board mill, through its magnificent water supply and shipping facilities. It was also shown that if such a plant were established in Urbana a large part of its product could be consumed at home, through an industry that could be built up, in the way of an egg case plant. This was later established and the first straw board mill in Urbana was started in 1892.

The Urbana Egg Case Co. was organized by Mr. Baker and is still in existence. A portion of the stock in this company was retained by the Bakers for several years. Upon the withdrawal of the Baker connection, The Baker Egg Case Co. was organized in 1905, composed of W. H. Baker, L. M. Baker and L. J. Baker, the latter named as manager and Wm. B. Shepard as foreman.

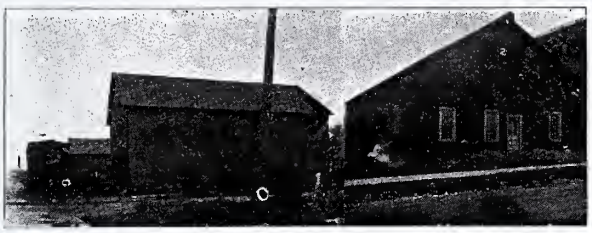
The present brick factory was built in 1908, after fire had destroyed the original building. The floor space in this factory and the warehouse is 24,400 feet and from 25 to 30 cars of made up fillers are carried in stock, while 400 tons of straw board and 20 cars of box shooks, comprising the raw material, are kept on hand.

A number of automatic filler machines are in operation, with a capacity of 9,000 sets of fillers in ten hours. Somewhere near a million and a half sets are made and sold each year by The Baker Egg Case Co. The plant is operated by a 40 horse power gas engine and the factory has its own electric light plant.

The Baker Double Locked Cold Storage Fillers are known from New York to San Francisco and the trade is expanding and increasing, largely owing to the excellence of the materials used and the special features, which are patented by the company.

BROOMS "MADE IN URBANA"

By The White Valentine Co.



Three Warehouses

The Main Factory Building

Urbana has considerable of a reputation as a broom manufacturing city and this reputation has been gradually spreading, as a result of the energetic campaign that has been closely followed by The White-Valentine Co., a concern that has been making brooms for half a century.

The business was first started in Urbana in 1860 and was incorporated as a stock company in 1898, with a capital of $100,000. The capacity has been increased from time to time, by enlarging the factory, which now occupies an entire square, with its main building, office building, warehouses, etc., and by introducing the very latest machinery, until it has reached 350 dozen brooms a day.

The factory is running full time and has done so almost continuously for a number of years. All grades of brooms are made but the White-Valentine Co. caters largely to the demand for high grade goods and their product has been improved until it is known among the best in the country. The trade of this company extends over all of the central states and is reaching a little farther each year.

The officers of the company are: J. D. Valentine, President; G. L. Valentine, Secretary and Treasurer. These gentlemen have been residents of Urbana for many years and they have succeeded in building up a big business by close attention, careful methods and by making good brooms for a growing market.

URBANA STEAM LAUNDRY.

Urbana has had a steam laundry for a number of years but it has not always been managed in a satisfactory manner, but it is now.

Mr. J. Clyde Burge, who had eighteen years experience in the laundry business in Cincinnati, purchased the laundry May 29, of this year, and in less than four months he has transformed the Urbana Steam Laundry into a success from every standpoint.

New machinery was installed in every department and under Mr. Burge's experienced management the work was done satisfactorily, just as he had done it for years for the particular people of Cincinnati. Business began to improve at once and as the people of Urbana and surrounding country learned of the fine work that was being done, the laundry poured in, until the collar and shirt work was doubled and there has also been a great increase in the family washing department.

The force of employees has also been doubled, twelve people now being engaged in handling the laundry of the city and county. Prompt service, quick delivery and absolute cleanliness are the features of the Urbana Steam Laundry, which is turning out work that will compare with the best. Sanitary conditions are given much attention and patrons can rest assured that their clothes are given the most careful treatment.

One Side of Urbana Steam Laundry

URBANA'S LEADING HARDWARE CONCERN.

Ambrose & Knight have a thoroughly metropolitan hardware store on North Main street, in the principal business section of Urbana. They were the first tenants in the new building, which was erected in 1904, and they began business in it as a new firm on January 1, 1905. The building is 25x95 feet, three stories and basement. It is a brick structure and the entire building is occupied by Ambrose & Knight with the exception of one suite of offices in the front of the second floor.

This enterprising firm carries a general line of the best hardware, stoves, paints and gas goods. They are also extensive dealers in garden and field seeds and maintain a recleaning department on the third floor, which is operated with the latest power plant. Another specialty is bee supplies and they are the only concern in the county handling these. They have sold as high as 30,000 sections in one season. Poultry supplies are also sold by Ambrose & Knight and last season they hatched over 2,000 chickens in the store in incubators and shipped many of them to New York and Connecticut.

J. W. Ambrose and W. J. Knight, the members of the firm, were both raised in Champaign county. They were connected with the Hardware Supply Co. for some time, as partners in the business, before opening their own store. They have had a long experience in the hardware business and study carefully the wants of their thousands of patrons. Their store is a model of neatness and convenience and their success is the result of close attention to business

Interior of Ambrose & Knight's Hardware Store

Making Artificial Ice

Urbana was one of the first cities in this section to make artificial ice and the factory has developed into one of the important institutions of the city.

The Urbana Artificial Ice and Cold Storage Company was organized in 1890, over twenty years ago. At first it was a ten ton plant and this was sufficient to supply the needs of the city at that time.

Eight years ago a fine, large brick building was erected and a twenty ton plant installed, thus doubling the capacity and providing a cold storage plant for butter, eggs, fruits, meats, furs, etc.

Under the capable direction of Mr. J. K. Mayse, whose business training for several years in Dayton equipped him for this work, the business has steadily increased. Three teams and wagons are now kept busy making deliveries in the city, while considerable ice is shipped to other towns. Pure distilled water is also delivered to many customers in the city.

The officers of the company are: H. C. Houston, president; A. E. McConkey, vice president; S. M. Mosgrove, treasurer; J. K. Mayse, secretary and manager.

Plant of the Artificial Ice Manufacturing Co.

Western Mutual Fire Insurance Co.

Urbana is the home of one of the best fire insurance companies in the country.

The Western Mutual Fire Insurance Company was established in 1846, in this city. The first directors were: David Gwynne, Ira A. Bean, Jacob Kauffman, Lemuel Weaver and Philander B. Ross—names that stood for the best of everything in the commercial life of Urbana in those days.

David Gwynne was the first President, Ira A. Bean was the first Secretary and Seymour A. Winslow was the first Treasurer of the company.

The business of the Western Mutual has grown steadily until it had reached $5,423,762 in risks at its statement the first of January, 1911. Its assets at that time were $724,058.47. The business of the company is confined entirely to the state of Ohio and is almost exclusively done in cities and towns that have adequate fire protection, this being the principal reason for its remarkable success.

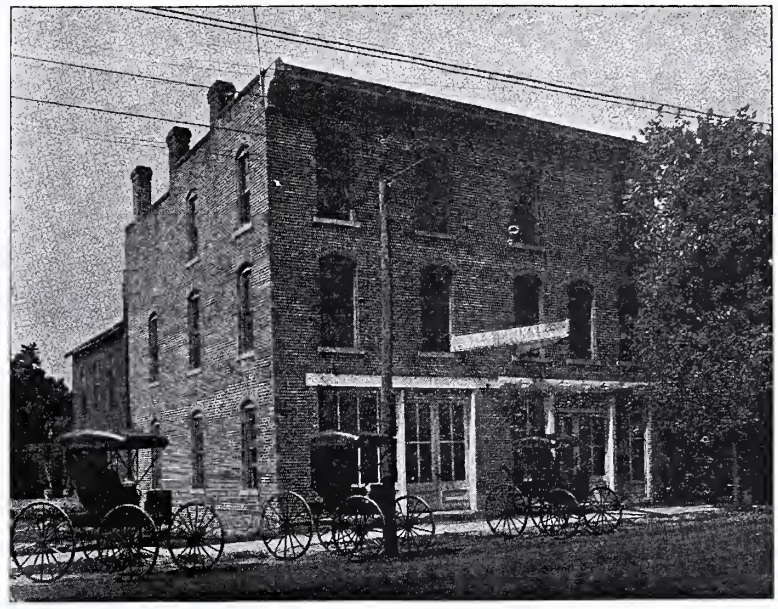
The present officers of the company are: W. R. Ross, President; E. E. Cheney, Vice President; C. A. Ross, Secretary and Treasurer; J. F. Brand, General Agent. The officers, with E. M. Crane, constitute the Board of Directors.

Manufacturing Vehicles For Quarter of a Century.

Urbana has considerable of a reputation as a manufacturing centre for carriages and one reason for this is the fine grade of goods that have been turned out of the local factories.

Mr. J. H. E. Dimond came to Urbana thirty years ago, after learning the carriage trade in Mitchell, Ontario, and working in the largest carriage factories in London, Toronto, Detroit, Chicago and Indianapolis. He took a position with the Gaumer factory for five years, then went into business for himself and built up a large patronage, because his early training made him an expert and his work was as near perfect as possible and always reliable.

Mr. Dimond erected the brick factory, which is 40 x 90, three stories and the blacksmith shop and repair department, which occupy a separate building in the rear. The offices and repository are in the main building and some of the finest buggies and carriages are always on the floors.



Factory of J. H. E. Dimond & Sons

The business is now conducted under the name of Dimond & Son and has been the largest in its line in Urbana for a number of years. Mr. Dimond has a comfortable home in the city and owns a large farm a few miles out, to which he gives some attention, his son devoting most of his time to the factory. Mr. Dimond is a thorough business man and has always been a progressive citizen, encouraging everything that looked to the improvement and development of Urbana.

John F. Hawkins' "Auto Shop"

Repairing and Rebuilding Automobiles.

An expert on repairs of automobiles says that three fourth of all automobile troubles are the result of carelessness or recklessness and it is also a fact that many good automobiles are ruined by incompetent repair men.

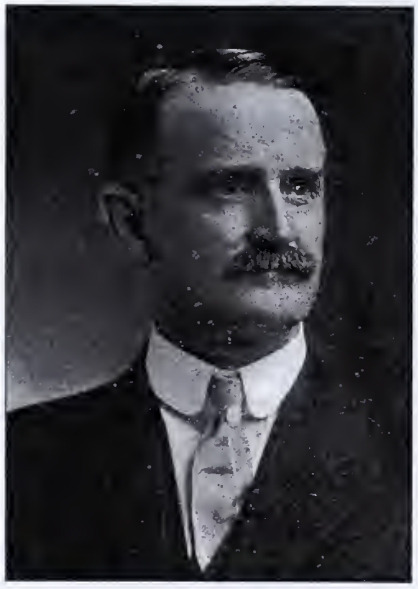
Urbana is fortunate in having a man who can repair or rebuild any automobile that was ever made. Mr. Jno. F. Hawkins, proprietor of The Auto Shop, on East Court street, has been eleven years in the automobile work. Before coming to Urbana three years ago, he was connected with the leading factories and repair shops in Indianapolis, where he secured a thorough knowledge and training in the work of repairing, building and rebuilding automobiles.

Mr. Hawkins has no agency for any automobile but he is doing the leading business in Urbana, in the repair line. He has also invented and is developing a slide valve motor, which will make the automobile a greater success than ever, when it is placed on the market. This would be a fine opportunity for Urbana to secure another important industry, in the manufacture of the latest automobile motors. Mr. Hawkins has proved himself since coming here and those who have loose capital should investigate this new motor and its possibilities and land the factory that will make it here.

PRACTICED LAW THIRTY YEARS.

Mr. W. F. Ring is one of the best known attorneys in central Ohio and in Urbana and Champaign county he is personally known to almost every resident. He has practiced law in this city for thirty years and his genial nature and conscientious methods have endeared him to the people of this section.

Mr. Ring was born in Natchez, Miss., in 1858. In 1865 he moved



to Urbana with his parents and has been a resident here ever since. After attending the public schools he graduated from the Urbana University in 1879.

After graduating from the University he was employed in the office of the Probate Judge, where he learned much of law and courts and at the same time he was diligently studying his Blackstone.

He attended the law School in Cincinnnati and graduated with the class of 1882. Returning to Urbana he began the practice of law and has been a prominent figure in the courts of this county and state ever since.

Always an enthusiastic student of the law, Mr. Ring has been very successful in his profession and is honored among the members of the bar throughout the state.

Mr. Ring is the attorney for and secretary of the Home Loan Co., one of the largest financial institutions in the county.

THE POPULAR PENCE STABLES.

The McConnell-Pence Co.'s stables on Court street are known to almost every resident in Champaign county and have been patronized by the major portion of them from time to time. The business has been established for fifty years but was bought by the present owners five years ago.

The building is an immense one being 200 feet deep and fifty feet wide in front and an extension in the rear is 100 feet wide. They have accommodations for 100 horses and on special occasions have taken care of 150.

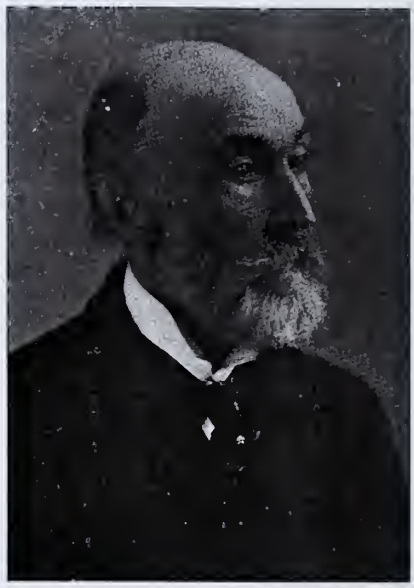
A transfer business is maintained, with hacks running to all depots, baggage wagons, etc. The stable is equipped with the latest coaches, surreys, phaetons, runabouts, etc., and the fifty horses are all in the best condition and all turnouts present a most attractive appearance.

Stables of McConnell-Pence Co.

More Than a Half Century in Busines in Urbana.

The name of Houston in the grocery business is as famililar to the people of Champaign county as is the name of Urbana.

Mr. Frank Houston, head of the Houston Grocery Co. for so many years, was born on a farm in the north of Ireland, April 22,



1833. Being one of four brothers who came to this country to seek their fortunes, he landed in Columbus, Ohio, in 1850 and secured work in a large grocery where he learned the business. In 1854 he located in Urbana and opened a store in a small room on the site of the building now occupied by the Lyric theatre. Success crowned his efforts and in a few years he bought a part of the old Union block in the southwest corner of the square where for several years he managed a large business. Later he erected the double block on South Main street and has, for thirty years, occupied one of the four rooms in that block.

In 1864 Mr. Houston was married to Miss Nancy Tappan, of Steubenvillle and eight chilldren came to their home. Although nearly eighty years of age, Mr. Houston is still the head of the business and walks to the store every day, but his capable daughter, Miss Lucy T. Houston, is the active manager of their large retail trade.

The Champaign National Bank

The banking interests in Urbana are one of its most substantial features and the bank having the largest assets of any bank in the county is the Champaign National, which is the designated depository of the United States, Champaign county and the City of Urbana.

The Champaign National Bank was organized as a national bank in 1865. Previous to that it had been conducted as a state bank under another name. Mr. W. R. Ross, the vice president, has been actively connected with this bank for 48 years and his father was also interested in it for many years.

The capital stock of the Champaign National Bank is now $200,000, having been increased from $100,000 the first of this year. The buisness of the bank has increased rapidly in the past few years and with a view to securing larger quarters it purchased the building at the corner of North Main and Court streets, directly opposite the court house, early this year. Owing to leases in the building it cannot rebuild for some time and in the meantime a number of improvements have recently been made in the present building.

New fixtures of oak and bronze throughout were recently installed and a handsome new front of stone and oak will soon replace the old front, with the entrance at the south side and large plate glass windows and doors. The interior will be artistically decorated and when it is all completed the Champaign National will be one of the most complete and attractive banks in this section.

The statement of the bank made September 1, shows the deposits to be $409,712.61; the surplus and the undivided profits $51,099.27. The real estate owned by the bank is placed at $20,000.

The officers of the bank are: C. H. Marvin, President; W. R. Ross, Vice President; J. C. Powers, Cashier; F. W. Ambrose, Assistant Cashier; Core S. Ireland, Teller. The directors are: C. H. Marvin, W. R. Ross, J. F. Brand, E. E. Cheney, J. P. Hance, W. E. Brown, G. J. Williams, T. E. Dye, S. M. Pence, T. M. Todd, T. A. Edmondson, Peter Armbruster, S. M. Mosgrove, L. Stickley, E. N. Keesecker.

Among the up to date features recently introduced into the bank are safety deposit boxes. The conservative, and at the same time progressive methods that have always characterized the Champaign National Bank, have established it in the confidence of the people and its growth is flattering to the management.

Urbana's Progressive Jeweler

Among the most attractive stores in Urbana is that of G. Judd Williams, the well-known jeweler, at 126 North Main street. Mr. Williams has been connected with the business since 1872 and has been the sole owner since 1886, just a quarter of a century. For many years the business was located on the square, but eight years ago it was removed to a larger building on Main street and is fitted up with the finest show cases, wall cases and fixtures and a splendid stock of jewelry, silverware, etc., is carried.

Mr. Williams is one of the most progressive and successful business men in Urbana and his store is popular with the people of this entire section.

Mechanicsburg---The Progressive City

Mechanicsburg is the second largest city in Champaign county and is one of the prettiest cities in the state.

The population of Mechanicsburg is about 2,000 and it is a business centre of importance. Situated, as it is, in the heart of a most fertile and highly cultivated section, there is a great deal of wealth in the community.

The progressive spirit of the people is shown in the splendidly improved streets, several blocks of brick pavement having been completed during the past month.

The business section has a metropolitan appearance. There are a number of substantial brick buildings and the stores are all up to date. All of the various lines of trade are well represented and the stocks carried are varied and complete.

The residence streets are dreams of beauty, with their immense maples and oaks, touching overhead with their dense foliage, forming perfect avenues of shade. The concrete walks and curbs are all kept in perfect order and there are scores of handsome homes, that would be a credit to any city.

The school buildings are commodious and substantial and all grades of the grammar and high school are taught.

There are several fine church edifices and the general home conditions are very desirable. Mechanicsburg is a flourishing city and one of the most attractive in the county.

Interior of Farmers Bank, Mechanicsburg

Nearly Half a Century of Banking.

The Farmers' Bank of Mechanicsburg was organized in 1865. It is incorporated under the laws of Ohio and is subject to the supervision and examinations of the Ohio State Banking Department. The cash capital and surplus are $131,000 and the deposits are $225,000.

The stockholders of The Farmers' Bank are substantial citizens of that section and own over 14,000 acres of the best land in the vicinity of Mechanicsburg, besides large holdings in other sections. This bank offers its customers the security and convenience of a safe, but liberal banking policy, backed by a record of nearly fifty years of successful business life.

The officers of The Farmers' Bank are: John C. Sceva, President; Marion Howard, Vice President; F. M. Clemans, Cashier; J. M. Maddox, Assistant Cashier; W. B. Hull, Bookkeeper.

The directors are: Marion Howard, J. C. Sceva, Howard Lewis, Wm. Saxbe, Asa G. Hopkins, W. H. Hodge, B. F. Hull.

The Wing Seed Co.

One of the most important institutions in Mechanicsburg is the Wing Seed Co., because its business is far reaching, covering half the nation. The business was first conducted by J. E. Wing & Bros., being started for the purpose of supplying alfalfa seed to the farmers in the neighborhood, the Wings being the first to grow alfalfa in this section.

The company was incorporated five years ago, with Chas. B. Wing as manager and fine, large concrete buildings have been erected and large offices fitted up to take care of their extensive mail order business, which extends from the east to the Missouri river. The company makes a specialty of alfalfa seed and they retail more alfalfa seed than any three firms east of the Misouri River. Last year they sold nine car loads of this seed.

They were among the first to breed corn, on scientific principles and they now grow and have grown for them the finest corn in the country and sell it through mail orders. They were also the first to grow Soy beans and they retail more of this seed than all other concerns in the United States. Their products are proving a great boon to the farmers

View of Main Street, Mechanicsburg

BIG DEPARTMENT STORE.

The Buckwalter-Adams Co. conduct the largest retail business in Mechanicsburg and they have an immense trade in that section. This live concern has been in business seven years and have added many lines since starting.

They now handle complete lines of dry goods, carpets, shoes, groceries, and household supplies of a varied character. Both Mr. Buckwalter and Mr. Adams are experienced store men and they have the confidence of the trading public.

The Automobile Business.

Staurt & Co. have been in the automobile and implement business in Mechanicsburg seven years. They handled carriages for a time but that line was succeeded by automobiles and they have built up a flattering business, as Mechanicsburg now boasts over fifty machines.

Mr. J. D. Staurt is the manager and he handles the famous Chalmers automobiles and does repairing of all machines, has storage and also shows a nice line of modern implements.

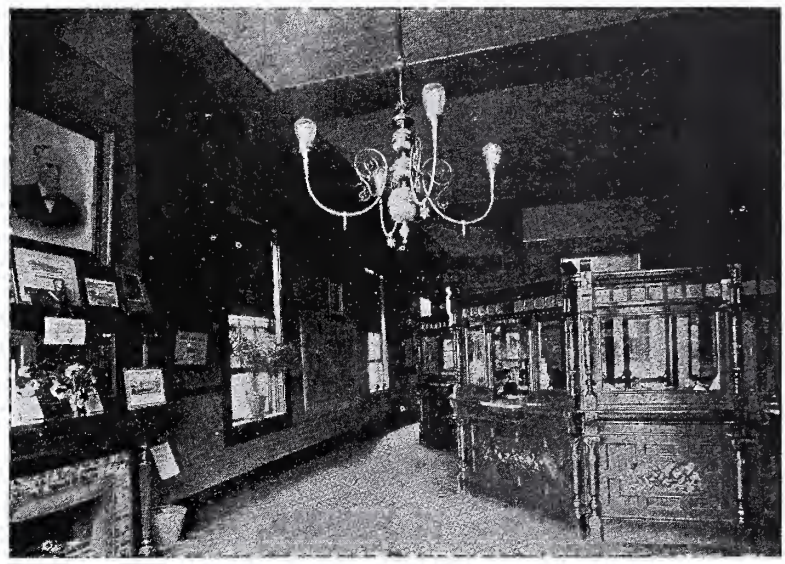
Bank Has Assets of Over $700,000

The Central Bank of Mechanicsburg makes a showing that is certainly remarkable, for a city the size of Mechanicsburg. It announces individual responsibility of stockholders and gives the assets as over $700,000. The stockholders own over 800,000 acres of the best land in Champaign and Madison counties and every acre is held for the liabilities of this bank.

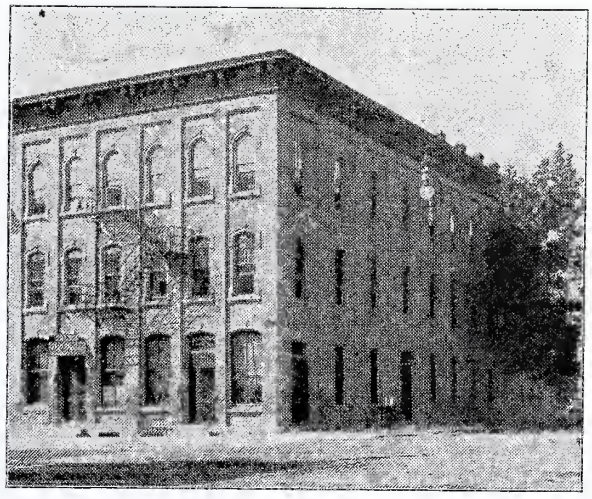
The officers of the bank are: C. R. Hunter, President; J. F. Kimball, Vice President; P. J. Burnham, Cashier; E. W. Johnson, Assistant Cashier.

The directors are: C. R. Hunter, P. J. Burnham, D, J, Burnham, C. E. Demand, W. W. Osborn, J. F. Kimball, C. W. Guy, C. N. Mitchell, C. F. Neer and J F. Taylor.

This bank is conducted along the most conservative lines and has a very large patronage, having the absolute confidence of the public.



Interior of Central Bank, Mechanicsburg



The Anderson Inn

The Anderson is the leading hotel of Mechanicsburg and it ranks along with the best in any city of less than 10,000 population. The present proprietor, E. Anderson, has had the hotel for six years and has built up a splendid reputation for it. The house has forty rooms, a large dining room, billiard room, etc., and is located on the principal business corner of the city. It is doing a splendid business and deserves it.

Beautiful Residence Street in Mechanicsburg

Good Stable and Garage.

Mr. C. L. Burnham is the veteran liveryman of Mechanicsburg. He started in the business 38 years ago and has been in it constantly since that time. He built the stable in its present location 37 years ago and has rebuilt it twice, having been burned out on two different occasions.

He has, practically the only stable in Mechanicsburg and keeps 20 fine horses and all up to date vehicles and takes good care of all boarders and transients. He has also added a fine garage, where machines are taken care of regularly or as transients.

Mr. Burnham is one of the prominent business men of the city and has a host of friends all over the county.

A Modern Store.

The firm of J. Newman & Co. has been in business in Mechanicsburg for twenty years, having been established by Mr. J. Newman. Last January the business was taken over by Mr. R. D. Newman, a nephew of the former owner and he is conducting it on the most up to date lines.

The store is thoroughly modern in every department, having the latest fixtures and conveniences for caring for the stocks. He carries splendid lines of dry goods, ready to wear garments for ladies, furs, furnishings and wall paper.

Mr. Newman is a progressive young business man and he deserves the success that is attending his efforts to give Mechanicsburg a metropolitan store.

St. Paris—The Busy City

St. Paris is one of the important cities of Champaign county. It has a population of over 1,500 and it is surrounded by a rich farming community.

The general appearance of the city is very attractive. The business streets are lined with substantial buildings and there are many good stores, representing the various lines of trade. The residence streets are well kept and are lined with beautiful shade trees. There are many fine homes and the general air of prosperity is apparent in all directions.

St. Paris has two banks, a large carriage factory doing business in all countries, a big flour mill and a number of other important industries. A first class weekly newspaper furnishes all the news and does considerable boosting for its section.

Good schools and churches are features of St. Paris and the home and social life makes it a very desirable place of residence. Many improvements have been made this year and St. Paris is recognized as one of the substantial and progressive cities of Ohio.

The Business Center of St. Paris

Manufacturing Carriages

The carriage manufacturing and repairing business of Sturm & Mattoon in St. Paris, is known all over this section of Ohio, as scores of premiums have been awarded their displays at the various Fairs and Expositions.

Fourteen years ago Mr. A. M. Sturm leased the ground on which now stands the factory buildings and for three years conducted a general blacksmithing and repair business. He then took in C. E. Smith as a partner and they started in the carriage building business. The first year they turned out three jobs and Mr. Sturm has seen the business grow from three jobs to 300 jobs a year.

Four years ago Mr. B. F. Mattoon purchased Mr. Smith's interest and the business has been conducted by Mr. Sturm. One of the newest products is a storm or winter buggy, which is entirely enclosed, with full paneled body and sliding doors. Sturm & Mattoon have the largest line of these storm buggies in the county and they are becoming very popular. Every job produced by this firm is first class and a fine reputation has been established by Sturm & Mattoon.

One of the Attractive Residence Streets

New Concern is Very Progressive

The old Poorman stand, on the principal business corner of St. Paris, which has been a dry goods store for half a century, has recently been remodeled until it is scarcely recognizable.

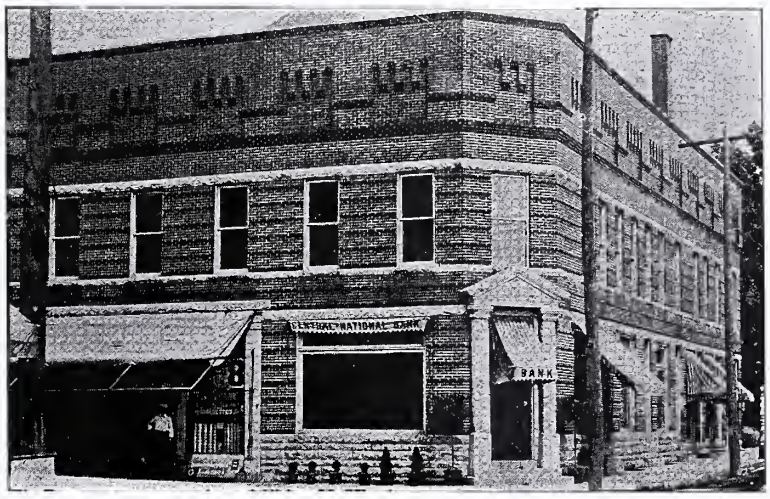
Reuter & Leonhard, who are now conducting the business, have had a modern plate glass front put in and made a number of other improvements that add greatly to the appearance of the building and business. They have only had the store since April but they have demonstrated their knowledge of the dry goods, clothing, shoe and furnishing goods business.

Mr. G. W. Reuter came to St. Paris from Jackson, Michigan, and Mr. C. A. Leonhard came from Ft. Recovery, Ohio. They are both experienced dry goods and clothing men and their success in St. Paris is already assured, their progressive methods rapidly gaining the confidence of the people.

The Central National Bank

The Central National Bank, of St. Paris, was organized in 1906, with a capital stock of $50,000. Occupying its own building, a handsome brick structure, 50 x 95 feet, located on the main corner of the business section of the city, it is one of the distinctive features of St. Paris.

The business of the bank has grown steadily and at the last call from the government the statement showed the deposits to be $162,522.43. The surplus and undivided profits are increasing and the bank has gained the confidence of the public by its progressive and yet conservative policy.



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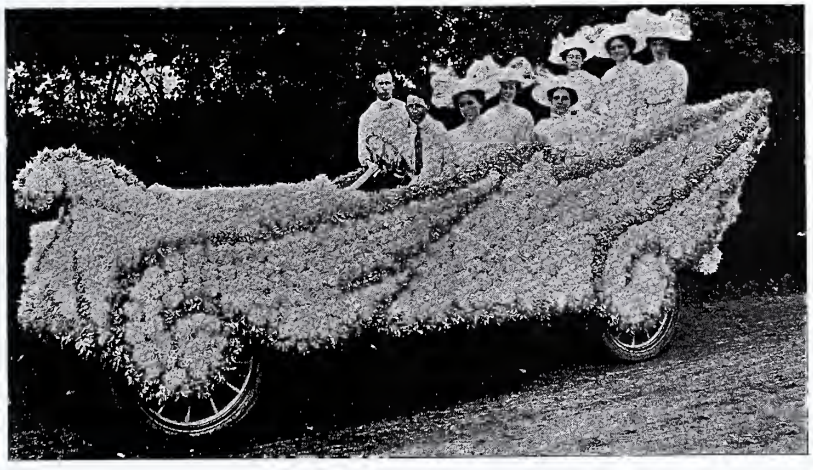

Feature of Flower Parade—Urbana Chautauqua

The officers are: David McMorran, President; G. Lear Smith, Vice President; B. A. Taylor, Cashier; G. G. Jones, Assistant Cashier. The directors are: David McMorran, J. H. Batdorf, J. E. Printz, S. D. Stevens, G. Lear Smith, B. A. Taylor, Cephas Atkinson

A World-Wide Carriage Factory

One of the largest carriage factories in the state was conducted for 25 years in St. Paris, by The Walborn & Riker Co. That concern was succeeded this summer by Brookshire & Robinson and the big factory is being operated by the new concern, along the most progressive business lines.

Mr. F. M. Brookshire is from Marion, Ohio, and has been in the carriage business all his life. He brings to the business many years of valuable experience and a successful career. Mr. W. T. Robinson, is from Forest, Ohio, and was one of the best known bankers in the state. He has been in the banking business fourteen years and his knowledge of financial affairs, will fit him for the successful conduct of the office end of the business.

The main factory building is 155x170 feet and there are several other buildings connected with the business. It is equipped with the most modern machinery for the manufacture of certain lines of carriages, cobs, pony carriages, etc. During the past month orders were turned out for India and shipments are being made to Venezuela, Cuba and other foreign countries, as the reputation of this concern is world wide.

Brookshire & Robinson's Immense Carriage Factory

Woodstock---The Prosperous Section

Woodstock is a town of about 400 population, located in the eastern part of Champaign county, in the centre of one of the richest farming communities in Ohio.

It is a beautiful place, with good streets, fine cement walks and gutters and presents a most inviting appearance. There are two banks, one hotel and a dozen business houses and all are conducted along modern lines and are in splendid financial condition.

A number of substantial brick, concrete and frame business buildings are found on the main streets and a great many handsome and comfortable homes line the magnificently shaded residence streets.

The Woodstock Creamery, the Woodstock Canning factory and the large grain elevator represent the industrial feature of the town and they are all doing an extensive business.

The town organization consists of a Mayor and six members of the council. Adequate fire protection is supplied with a chemical fire engine, hose and ladder wagons and a volunteer department.

The Woodstock school building is one of the finest in the county and in it are taught all of the grammar and high school grades.

There are two churches, the Universalist and the Christian, both being substantial and ornamental structures.

The people of Woodstock are progressive, dignified and well to do and their social life is ideal.

Woodstock's Main Street, Viewed From Pennsylvania Station

The Peoples' Bank of Woodstock

One of the most substantial and attractive buildings in Woodstock is owned by The Peoples' Bank, and is located on the main corner of the town. It is two stories in height and is constructed of the best pressed fire proof brick. The corner is occupied by the bank and the balance by two stores.

The Peoples' Bank was organized in May, 1906, with a capital of $10,000 and is in a most flourishing condition, its business having increased every year.

The officers of the bank are: D. R. Kimball, President; W. C. Fullington, Vice President; S. F. Burnham, Cashier; Verna Hewlings, Assistant Cashier.

The directors are: D. R. Kimball, C. P. Kimball, W. C. Kimball, George Hann, F. G. Fullington, O. M. Clark, S. F. Burnham.

The business of the Peoples Bank is conducted along conservative lines and has the entire confidence of the community.

Peoples Bank Building, Woodstock

The Woodstock Postoffice

One of the centres of interest in Woodstock is the postoffice, which is located in the general store of Mr. S. M. Overfield, who is the Postmaster.

Mr. Overfield has been in business in Woodstock since February, 1, 1906. He moved to his present location this summer, after the building, which is located almost in the centre of the town, had been thoroughly remodeled and his store is nicely fitted up and presents a most attractive appearance.

He carries complete lines of dry goods, groceries, notions, stationery, school supplies, candies, cigars and tobacco, and enjoys an excellent patronage.

Mr. Overfield has been Postmaster since December, 1909, having passed the civil service examination three months previous to that date.

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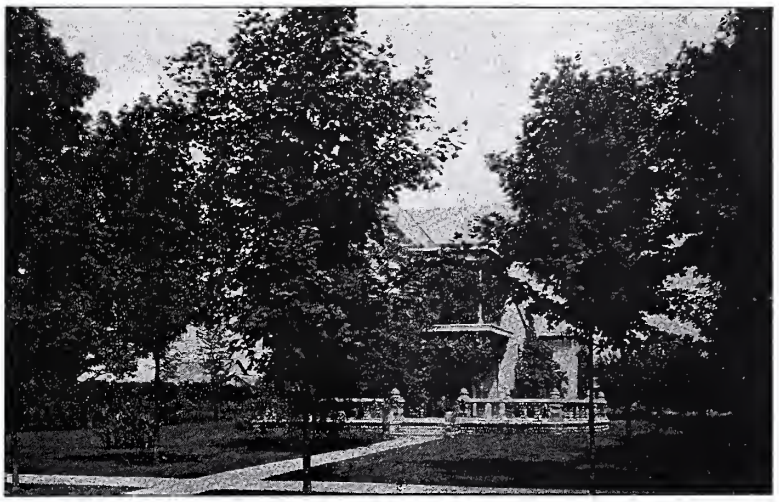
Woodstock BANK

The confidence in which this bank is held by the public is due mainly to the fact that this institution adheres strictly to methods which, in addition to meeting the banking needs of each patron, have proved reliable and conducive to safety in every transaction. We invite you to confer with us regarding your financial affairs.

TRUE MARTIN, Cashier.



Residence of True Martin

MULBERRY LAWN

This tract of land lies near the South corporation line of Woodstock, and contains one hundred and twenty-six acres. It was recently purchased by Mr. Martin.

Woodstock—Continued

Fine Hardware Business

C. P. Kimball & Son have the only hardware store in Woodstock and it is a good one.

This firm has been in business for ten years in Woodstock and has built up a splendid business, by progressive methods and careful attention to customers. They own their own building on the main street and the store is equipped with silent salesman show cases and all of the newest fixtures.

They carry complete lines of hardware, stoves, kitchen utensils, paints, cement, building materials and farm implements, with a host of household supplies.

Mr. Kimball is one of the best known residents of the county and has been identified with the development of Woodstock for many years. His son is a progressive business man, who is very popular with the people of that section.

One of Woodstock's Pretty Residence Streets

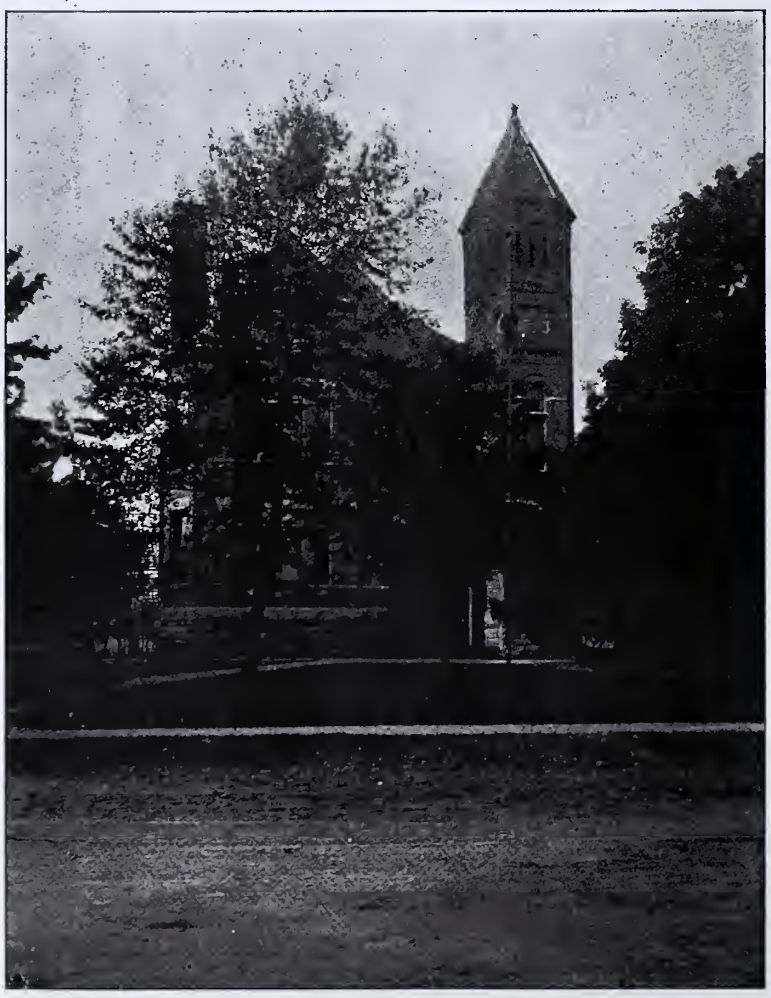
A Modern Drug Store

D. W. Sharp & Son have the only drug store in Woodstock and it is so thoroughly modern in every respect that it would do credit to any city.

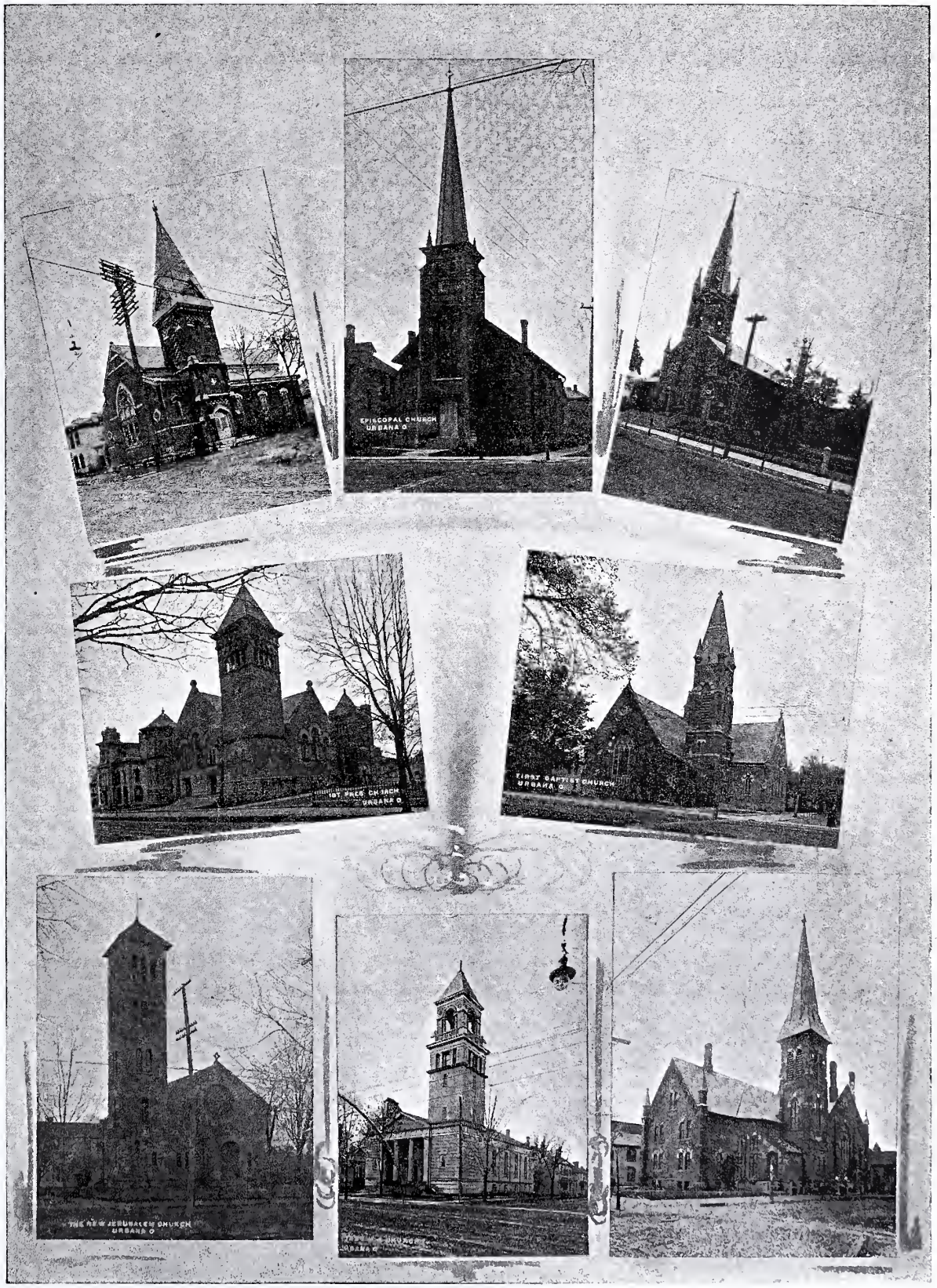
Dr. D. W. Sharp practiced medicine and conducted a drug store in Woodstock from 1884 until a few years ago, when he suffered a stroke of paralysis and died in November 1910. He was respected and venerated all over that section.

Mr. H. W. Sharp, his son, began the practice of medicine in 1904 and he now has charge of the drug store, in addition to his extensive practice.

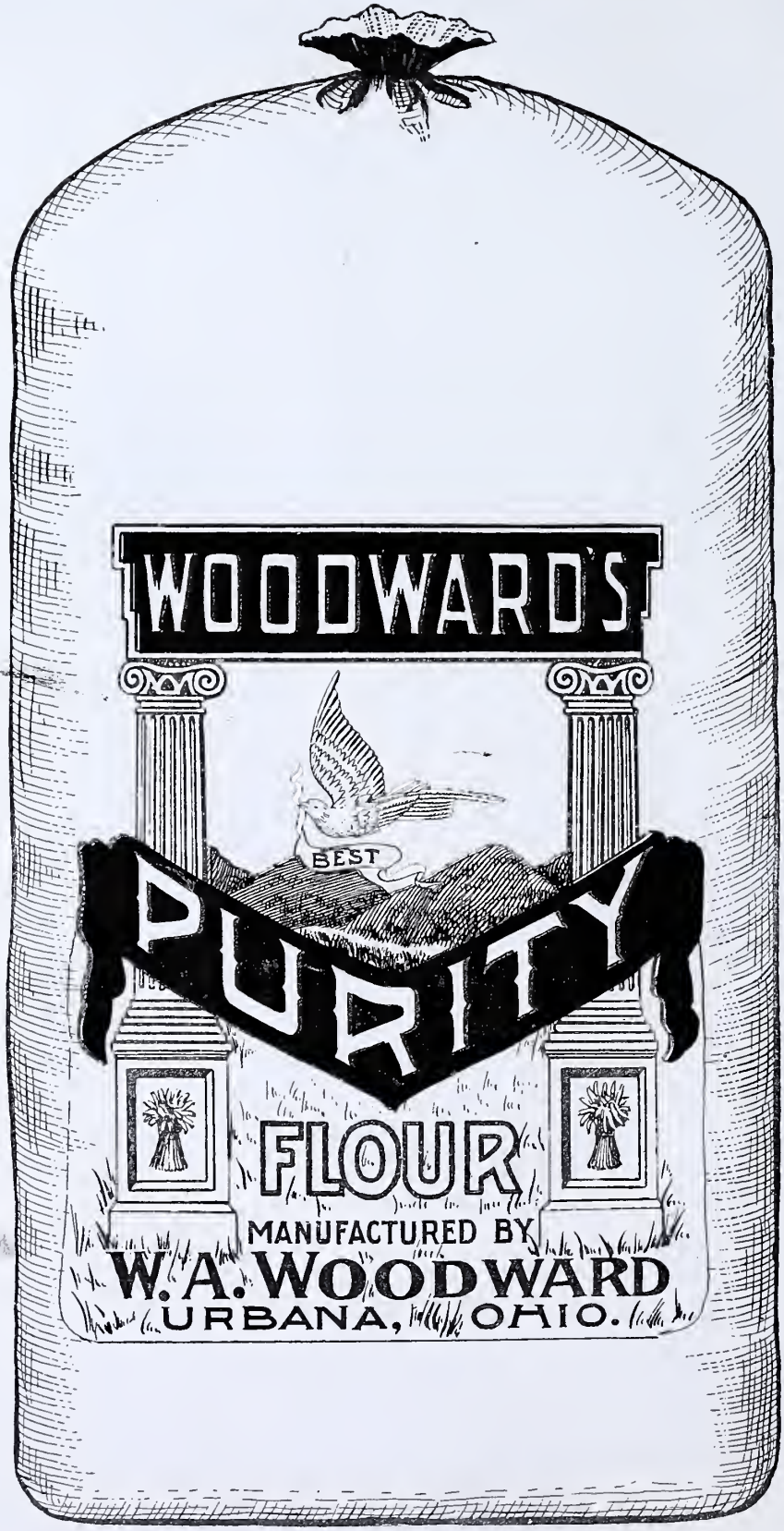
They own the two story building in which the store is located and the latter is finely equipped with a splendid soda fountain and all of the most modern fixtures. A complete line of drugs, medicines, stationery, school supplies, paints, etc., are always carried in stock.



High School Building, Woodstock



URBANA'S FINE CHURCH EDIFICES



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